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By ERWIN ENCINARES

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# **AFTER \$15M LOAN BILL SIGNED INTO LAW** MPLT Ioan talks start

nor's Office can now start on how much that loan amount would be and all other details of the pro-

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8 dead, 60 hurt as quakes shake PH's Batanes



Photo shows a damaged house in Itbayat town, Batanes islands, northern Philippines after a strong earthquake struck on Saturday July 27, 2019.

By JIM GOMEZ

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Two strong earth-

quakes hours apart struck a group of sparsely populated islands in the Luzon Strait in the northern Philippines early

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**AGRICULTURE FAIR** 

What would summer be without an agricultural fair? The Saipan Agricultural Fair Association knows as much and hosted the 36th Annual Agricultural Fair at the Garapan Central Park Roundhouse last Saturday. Here, families check out the fruits on display.

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### USCIS: If employer doesn't file CW extension while valid, worker has to leave

By ERWIN ENCINARES

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the CNMI-Only Transitional a worker's labor permit while the expiration date of their cur-

rent status.

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### Marianas reefs need your help

By BEA CABRERA

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largest known mass mortality of coral reefs to be recorded in Guam in the last five centuries.

In a study published on-A recent study reports the line in the journal Coral Reefs, researchers reported

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Island Hop was born after owner Missy Parsons had an epiphany one day while relaxing on the beach.

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My goal is to discover a new comet here on the island of Saipan using my trusty new telescope.

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### LIFE & STYLE

The inventor of an airborne hoverboard glided over the English Channel then crashed in the sea.

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# NMTI Gala



Lino V. Santos' daughter, middle, receives the Vicente S. Sablan award on behalf of her father during the Northern Marianas Trades Institute's fourth annual fundraising gala last Friday at the Hyatt Regency Saipan ballroom.



Robert H. Jones personally announces the winner of the Robert H. Jones award during the Northern Marianas Trades Institute's fourth annual fundraising gala last Friday at the Hyatt Regency Saipan ball-KIMBERLY A BALITISTA





Dr. Vicente Sablan, middle, receives the Jose C. Tenorio award during the Northern Marianas Trades Institute's fourth annual fundraising gala last Friday at the Hyatt Regency Saipan ballroom.



Henry Norman Reyes Angui, middle, receives the Dionicio Torres award during the Northern Marianas Trades Institute's fourth annual fundraising gala last Friday at the Hyatt Regency Saipan ballroom.



Singeru Sugiyama, middle, receives the Jose C. Ayuyu award during the Northern Marianas Trades Institute's fourth annual fundraising gala last Friday at the Hyatt Regency Saipan ballroom.



James Tudela, a Northern Marianas Trades Institute student, middle, is awarded the Anthony Pellegrino award during the Northern Marianas Trades Institute's fourth annual fundraising gala last Friday at the Hyatt Regency Saipan ballroom.



Hyatt Regency Saipan general manager Nick Nishikawa, middle, receives recognition on behalf of Hyatt for the hotel's contribution to the island's only trade school during the Northern Marianas Trades Institute's fourth annual fundraising gala last Friday at the Hyatt Regency Saipan ballroom.

KIMBERLY A. BAUTISTA

# 'Questions of disclosure are of public importance'

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona has ruled that issuing an injunction in connection with

### Theft at Garapan hotel room



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

This frame grab from the security footage in the surveillance room shows this person walk into the room of the victim after the house-keeping staff had left.

Police officers were dispatched to the Grandvrio Resort Saipan in Garapan last July 22, 2019, at about 6:30pm, in response to a 911 call about a theft incident at the hotel.

Nearby officers arrived at the lobby at about 6:32pm and met with a Korean male, who claimed to be the caller. According to the victim, he left his room at about 5:30pm to take a walk around the hotel while housekeeping cleaned up his room. After a few minutes, the victim returned to his room and noticed that his wallet was out of place, with his money, credit card, and cellphone missing. The victim then contacted the front desk using the hotel room telephone to report the incident before calling 911.

After the officer interviewed the victim, he was brought to review the security footage

in the surveillance room. The officer noticed a large built male, wearing a blue sweater, a black baseball cap, and sunglasses walk into the room of the victim after the housekeeping staff had left.

Items taken include a black Samsung Galaxy S10 cellphone, \$375, a bank security card, and a credit card.

If you have any information on the identity of the suspect in this theft incident at the Grandvrio hotel in Garapan, call 911. If you wish to remain anonymous, call the CNMI Crime Stoppers hotline at 234-7272.





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IPI has raised serious questions that go to the merits of their complaint, said Manglona in a written order Thursday, extending the temporary restraining order that the Superior Court earlier granted in IPI's lawsuit.

The TRO will now expire this Friday, Aug. 2.

IPI sued CCC last month to

prevent it from publicly disclosing IPI's audited financial information following Rep. Edwin Propst's (Ind-Saipan) Open Government Act request. Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo granted IPI's TRO request.

Last week, CCC, through the Office of the Attorney General, moved to transfer IPI's complaint to the federal court.

Last Thursday, Manglona heard IPI's motion to extend the TRO, CCC's opposition, and IPI's subsidiaries Grand Marianas (CNMI) LLC and Imperial Pacific Properties LLC's motion to join in IPI's motion to extend. Govendo's TRO directed CCC to refrain from releasing information requested pursuant to Open Government Act request it received.

In finding cause to extend the TRO, Manglona said that, without an extension, the closeness in the removal of the case to the district court and the expiration of the TRO would prevent IPI from obtaining a decision on the merits of its case.

Without the preliminary relief, Manglona said, irreparable harm to IPI is likely because the disclosure of confidential information cannot be undone. Manglona said the balance of equities tips sharply in IPI's favor because denial of the TRO would effectively moot IPI's case, whereas it only causes a delay to CCC.

The judge said because there is no realistic likelihood of significant harm to CCC from having to refrain from disclosing the information at question, the court declined to require IPI to post security.

The court will hear IPI's motion for a preliminary injunction for tomorrow, Tuesday, at 10:30am. (Ferdie De La Torre)



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# Man arrested for disturbing the peace

On Tuesday, July 23, 2019, at about 2:05 p.m., the CNMI Department of Public Safety received a 911 call reporting a disturbing the peace incident at the Saipan Vegas Resort in Chalan Laulau and officers were dispatched to the scene.

At the scene, officers met with a female individual who stated that she would like to

file a complaint. An employee about 2pm to buy a doughnut of the establishment stated that the suspect frequently visits the resort and harasses its customers. Officers then interviewed the victim and learned that she walked into the establishment at



Pua

and a drink, before she took a seat in the restaurant's lounge area. Shortly after, a heavyset male wearing a red T-shirt and a pair of green pants walked into the establishment, bought a doughnut, and took

suspect left his doughnut on the table and walked toward the gaming area. After a few minutes, the suspect returned, sat next to the female victim. and asked the victim to borrow money and her vehicle, which

After a couple minutes, the

a seat right next to her.

she replied no. The suspect then asked the victim if she would like to fool around with

him outside, which she again

in the CNMI—is made more

difficult by the CNMI's re-

moteness and lack of a read-

ily available SCUBA-certified

labor force, especially when

universities or specialized vol-

unteer groups but the CNMI

doesn't currently have an

"...We are hoping to be

able to scale up our efforts

in the near future, using cor-

als that have survived the

recent bleaching events and

are therefore more resilient to

That would include creat-

ing a volunteer program to get

the community involved in

the nursery, training volunteer

divers and snorkelers to help

with nursery maintenance,

including removing algae and

propagating corals, as well as

The public can help pre-

serve coral reefs by spread-

ing the word about the

importance of coral reefs,

introducing more eco-friend-

ly practices into their daily

out-planting activities.

thermal stress," she said.

equivalent," she said.

by a small team.

would like to get busted up, and he placed his arm on her right shoulder. The victim told him to back off and asked one of the employees to call 911. The suspect then fled the es-

said no. The suspect got angry

and asked the victim if she

tablishment and headed south. Officers notified officers in rections. (PR)

the area to be on the lookout for the suspect. An officer on patrol in the area spotted the suspect near the Green Consume store. Officers then arrested the suspect, Ryan Pua, for disturbing the peace and assault before transporting him to the Department of Cor-

### Humanities Council hosts yoga sessions, movie night tomorrow

By MARC A. VENUS

Marc\_venus@saipantribune.com REPORTER

The NMI Humanities Council, in collaboration with TanHoldings, We Will Never Forget: Field of Heroes, and VETOGA, is hosting a series of Stress Management Classes and movie premieres starting tomorrow, July 30.

VETOGA representative Tom Voss will be hosting the group's stress management classes which involves the use of yoga. Voss will be conducting classes on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.

This week, Voss will be on Saipan and classes from to-

will be at the Kagman Community Center at 7am. There will also be a 5pm class beginning this Wednesday.

Voss will be holding classes at the Sister Remedios Community Center next Monday and Tuesday, and will be observing the same times, with the exception of Tuesday as there will only be a 7am class.

From Aug. 7 to Aug. 10, classes will be held at the Northern Marianas College and he will hold the two classes at 7am and 5pm.

A longer version of this story is available at www. saipantribune.com

### the coral reef nursery grows beyond what can be managed "Cleaning and out-planting...are relatively dirty jobs that many nurseries achieve through partnerships with

morrow until this Saturday

### MPLT

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The loan is supposed to help relieve some of the financial hardships of the CNMI government after the devastation of Super Typhoon Yutu in October last year.

House Bill 21-44 is now known as Public Law 21-3 after acting governor Arnold I. Palacios signed it into law last Friday morning, signaling the start of talks on the terms and conditions of the fiveyear loan.

The loan according to P.L. 21-3 is for a maximum of \$15 million.

House Speaker Blas Jonathan "BJ" Attao (R-Saipan), who authored and sponsored House Bill 21-44, said that the \$15-million ceiling is 10% of the CNMI's property value.

"...If we go beyond [\$15 million], that would be a different type of calculation," he said, adding that a higher loan ceiling would require a more extensive review and, in turn, a "more difficult way of receiving a loan."

The new law also sets an interest ceiling of 7.5% for the loan, which Attao said is higher than normal.

It includes language that grants flexibility for the Torres administration, by adding, "extraordinary expenses incurred by extraordinary circumstances", allowing the loan to fund recovery efforts or even other typhoons,

When asked, Attao noted that the Torres administration, the Office of the Attorney

General, and MPLT will ultimately decide where this loan money will go to.

"This bill gets them on the table to negotiate stuff right now. Prior to [the bill's enactment], [discussions] were pretty much what was more feasible for MPLT and what was more feasible for the government," Attao said.

In a statement from the Torres administration last Friday, Gov. Ralph DLG Torres pledged the proper use of the funds for "recovery related costs," which includes payments to vendors.

"This, in turn, will also put money into our economy and, overall, will assist in the improvement of our current financial state," Torres stated in the statement.

"As we all are aware, Super Typhoon Yutu has greatly affected our revenue streams these past couple of months. This loan was necessary in order to address the many recovery expenses our government paid upfront that allowed us to expedite our recovery efforts. We have and will continue to look for solutions that best suit the needs of our community and the sustainability and growth of our economy," Torres added in the statement.

According to Attao, vendors that do business with the government are still waiting to be paid for services rendered in the aftermath of Super Typhoon Yutu last October 2018. This has reportedly affected the vendor's capacity to pay their annual business gross revenue tax and further restricting the government's resources.

### REEFS

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that several coral bleaching events driven by above-average sea temperatures killed off more than one-third of all coral reefs in Guam and up to 60 percent of corals along Guam's eastern coast from 2013 to 2017.

Reefs in the CNMI have not been spared either.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, which has been monitoring the health of CNMI coral reefs, reports that the biggest threat and majority of reef deaths that NOAA has seen on Saipan's reefs were caused by extremely warm waters that occurred in 2013, 2014, and 2017.

Other findings show that the deterioration of the CNMI reefs were also caused by factors such as typhoons and man-made activities.

"Typhoon Soudelor and [Super Typhoon] Yutu did cause some direct damage to reefs, resulting from big waves and rough seas, particularly on the east and south sides of the island, but the biggest impacts to corals from the storms is probably all of the marine debris," said Kaylie Costa, a NOAA Hollings scholar and



National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Hollings scholar Kaylie Costa is on a nine-week research program on the plight of CNMI reefs. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

an incoming senior at the University of Miami.

Even now, a large amount of building materials like roofs and green debris such as tree limbs can still be found both in the lagoon and out on the forereefs, she said.

"We also see impacts from divers and snorkelers at some of our tourist destinations," she said, although the diverspecific impacts are limited mostly to the roped entry and exit routes at Laolao Bay and Obyan Beach.

On Managaha Island, snorkelers have flattened most of the nearshore corals by standing on them, she added.

There is also evidence that people have been feeding the fish at these tourist spots, Costa said. Feeding the fish changes their behavior and can cause an imbalance in the local ecology.

There is also some concern that overuse of these areas may be contributing to some of the red flags, for example, high bacteria counts, which is visible at the Grotto and some other high-use beaches.

Costa that the coral reef restoration program in the CNMI is still in the developing stages and the many challenges it faces-protecting, propagating, and nurturing coral reefs

gua-Nico said she and her hus-

band woke up horrified with

the ground shaking and a cabi-

net crashing to the floor. Their

house withstood the shaking

but others in the neighborhood

crumbled, pinning residents

with our three pigs because

we're very, very scared of

"We're out now in the farm

inside, she said.

lives, and practicing reefsafe diving practices. bling shortly after the ground

shook again.

More than 2,000 residents of Itbayat—nearly all of the island's population of mostly fishermen-were advised not to return to their homes and stay in the town plaza as successive aftershocks shook the region, Esdicul said.

Only one villager remained missing in the quake's aftermath, he said.

# **QUAKES**

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Saturday, killing at least eight people, injuring about 60 and damaging ancestral houses famous among tourists.

The quakes collapsed homes of stone and wood and roused residents from sleep, said Roldan Esdicul, who heads the Batanes provincial disaster-re-

sponse office. Footage showed people clearing boulder-size stone bricks to pull out one body from the rubble.

"Our bed and everything were swaying from side to side like a hammock," Esdicul told The Associated Press by cellphone from Basco town, the provincial capital. "We all ran out to safety."

On hard-hit Itbayat island, school teacher Agnes Salen-

the aftershocks," she told AP by phone, her voice tremare published, should obtain a tification from the U.S. Department of Labor] and file

the CW-1 petition under the current regulations," the representative noted. The additional steps of securing a TLC, in which a Prevailing Wage Determination is a prerequisite, is a new regulation introduced early this year. USCIS advised that they

would reject CW-1 petitions

with an employment start

date on or after Oct. 1, 2019,

that are filed without the ap-

proved TLC.

Saipan Tribune also reached of press time.

out to Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) over the weekend for comments on the lack of new regulations on fiscal year 2020 CW-1 petitions, but there was no response as

### **USCIS**

A USCIS representative clarified further that the 240day extension automatically kicks in only if an employer files for a CW-1 extension while the CW-1 status is valid.

"...The CW-1 [employee] may continue working in the CNMI, for the same employer, up to 240 days after the status has expired so long as the petition for an extension remains pending with USCIS," the agency representative noted.

"If the employer does not file, depart the [CNMI] on or before the expiration date of their current status," the representative added. "[As for] any effect of a departure, we are not able to answer at this time."

When asked when USCIS would be releasing the new regulations on CW-1 changes for fiscal year 2020, USCIS noted that there is no publication date yet.

"...Employers who wish to continue to employ a CW worker after Oct. 1, 2019, and before the revised regulations

"Other than complying the worker will be required to TLC [Temporary Labor Cer- with the TLC requirement for CW-1 petitioners with employment start dates on or after Oct. 1, 2019, CW-1 petitioners should continue to follow current USCIS regulations, procedures, and form instructions," the USCIS representative stated.

if needed.

### **CPA** readies to bid out airport concession

The Commonwealth Ports Authority's board of directors confirmed last July 16 its decision to solicit bids for concession services at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport.

The CPA board also determined the scope of the concession privilege, approved a concession privilege evaluation plan, and adopted CPA board resolution 2019-03.

The approved scope of concession indicates, among other things, the area of the concession, the type of merchandise to be sold and delivered, the type of retail services to be provided, the taxes and fees waived, and the exclusivity of the concession.

The CPA board stated that the concession is for the privilege of establishing, operating, and maintaining post-security facilities at the Saipan airport. The concessionaire will have the exclusive right to sell dutyfree merchandise and other items, such as various goods, sundries of interest to passengers, and food and beverages, in less than wholesale quantities for the direct or indirect benefit of a departing individual. The concessionaire will also have the exclusive right to provide services, such as vending, for-fee departure lounges, currency exchange, automated teller machines, postal services, telephones, and luggage carts. Additionally, the concessionaire will have the non-exclusive right to offer the services of massages, cell-phone charging stations, and wireless communications. The concession excludes advertising, gaming, automobile rental services, and automobile insurance services.

CPA has waived all taxes, imposts, duties, tariffs, and assessments waivable by law, other than the Northern Mariana Islands Income Tax, any income tax levied pursuant to the U.S. Internal Revenue Code or any other general tax levied upon net income, the business gross revenue tax, the license fee, and the concession fee.

The CPA board also approved the proposed evaluation plan developed by CPA executive director Chris Tenorio. Among other things, the evaluation plan indicates that it is in the best interest of CPA to include three CPA employees and two non-CPA employees on the evaluation committee and lists the evaluation factors CPA will use in selecting the future concessionaire.

The CPA board has also requested the CNMI Office of the Public Auditor to provide a government ethics presentation to the CPA board and to CPA staff and management before CPA issues the request for proposals.

Right now, the concession is being handled by DFS Saipan, a service it has been providing at the Saipan airport since 1985.

For more information regarding the concession privilege at the Saipan airport, visit the Business Opportunities section on CPA's website at http://cpa.gov.mp/business/cns.asp. (PR)

### CHCC faces shortage of 20 nurses

The Commonwealth Health-care Corp. is short by about 20 nurses and is revving up efforts to hire nurses from off island, according to CHCC spokesperson Zoe Travis last Friday.

She did point out in her response to a Saipan Tribune's inquiry that there is a short-

age of nurses throughout the United States, including in the U.S. mainland.

This is why CHCC has increased its focus on recruiting nurses from the United States, the Philippines, and elsewhere in Asia, Travis said.

At present, CHCC employs 146 registered nurses and li-

censed practical nurses.

In the last three months, five nurses reportedly left CHCC.

To attract more nurses, Travis said, CHCC is using major national recruiting agencies and offering competitive pay and benefits. They are additionally strengthening their relationship with the Northern Marianas College nursing program. (Ferdie de la Torre)



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# Docomo Pacific lobbies against US bill

By KIMBERLY A. BAUTISTA kimberly\_bautista@saipantribune.com

Docomo Pacific is lobbying against a bill now pending in U.S. Congress that would limit providing telecommunication services to the U.S. Department of Defense personnel and first responders only to U.S. carriers.

In a short interview with Docomo Pacific CEO Roderick Boss, the U.S. House of Representatives is get-

ting ready to submit their version of the National Defense Authorization Act that includes a provision that would only allow U.S.owned carriers to provide DOD and first responders telecommunication services like FirstNet.

Docomo Pacific is owned by NTT Docomo, which is a Japanese-owned company.

Boss said that Guam Delegate Michael San Nicolas (D-GU) supports H.R. 2500.

Docomo has persuaded DOD personnel in Guam and supporters from the Guam community to write to San Nicolas to encourage him to withdraw his support for the provision. Boss says that provision would affect both Guam and the CNMI, where Docomo would soon be deploying the FirstNet platform, a specialized network for first responders.

Boss is also urging members of the CNMI community to write to Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) in support of Docomo's cause as it is Docomo's main goal is to provide the same FirstNet services to the CNMI.

Boss explained that, since Docomo Pacific Inc.'s parent company, NTT Docomo Inc., is based in Tokyo, Japan, the proposed bill, if approved, would jeopardize the FirstNet contract, among other business in Guam.

That means the FirstNet system will not be implemented in the CNMI and Boss said Docomo is committed to deploying the FirstNet platform to the CNMI as the islands are prone to experiencing major typhoons. FirstNet would ensure that first responders, like DOD personnel, can communicate on one platform without disruptions.

H.R. 2500 states, in part, that DOD "shall only award contracts for the procurement of telecommunications services or the installation of telecommunications infrastructure on national security installations on territories of the United States located in the Pacific Ocean to allowed contractors."

The bill defines "allowed contractors" as an entity that is "100% owned by persons located in the United States that has submitted an offer for a contract let by the Department of Defense; or an entity that is 100% owned by persons located in the United States or in a covered foreign country that has submitted an offer for a contract let by the Department of Defense."

# Joeten Motors offers 2019 Nissan Frontier as TOC hole-in-one prize



Thank you Joeten Motors for donating a brand new 2019 Nissan Frontier as a hole-in-one prize for the Governor's Tournament of Champions on Aug. 10 and 11, 2019. In the photo, from left, are TOC Committee members John Salas, Jamika Tajieron, Marie Sablan, Eppie Marana, and Rochelle Tomokane, Joeten Motors sales manager Ray Alvarez, Joeten Motors services manager Calvin Yamagisi, and Joeten Motors operations manager Norman "Dung" Tenorio.

The organizers of 2019 Governor's Tournament of Champions have just announced that Joeten Motors is offering a brand new 2019 Nissan Frontier as a hole-in-one prize for the 24th Governor's Tournament of Champions, which will be held on Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 10, and

"The Joeten Motor Co. has always been a big supporter of the annual Governor's Tournament of Champions and the community projects that the tournament benefits," said Matt Deets, Joeten Motors general manager. "We are happy to be a part of the 2019 event and wish all the players the best of luck!"

"Joeten Motors' 2019 Nissan Frontier hole-in-one prize raises the anticipation and excitement for this year's Tournament of Champions," said Ben Babauta, tournament director. "We are extremely thankful for the company's donation and for its longstanding commitment to the tournament."

The 24th Governor's Tournament of Champions will be played at the Laolao Bay Golf and Resort's east and west courses on Aug. 10 and 11. The two-day event is bigger with exciting hole-in-one prizes and the chance to win thousands of dollars in possible prizes. The TOC tournament fee is \$200.

Winners in the Men's Championship, A, B, C, Senior and Super Senior flights will each receive \$500 cash, \$400 cash, \$300 cash, a Casio watch, and \$100 DFS gift certificate for the first to fifth place, respectively. The Ladies Low Gross winners will receive \$500, \$400, and \$300 cash for first to third place, respectively. The first, second, and third place winners of the Ladies Low Net will each receive a trophy.

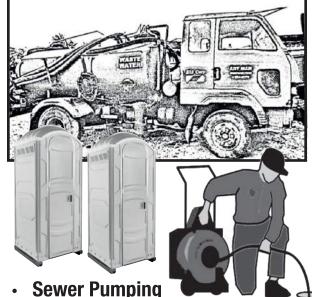
Hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of prizes are at stake in the two-day tournament, including hole-in-one prizes that also include a new 2019 Mazda CX-5 Sport and a 2019 Mitsubishi Eclipse Cross donated by Triple J Motors, the Nissan Frontier donated by Joeten Motors, and other prizes that will be announced in the coming days. There will also be thousands of dollars' worth in other prizes that include mobile devices, gift certificates, and more.

Platinum sponsors for the Governor's Tournament of Champions include T Galleria, Triple J Motors, Laolao Bay Golf & Resort, Marianas Visitor's Authority, and Chivas Regal.

Gold Sponsors Include Chong's Corp., Joeten Motors, Power 99, IT&E, RNV Construction, Hyatt Regency Saipan, and Blue Stone Management.

For more information about sponsorship opportunities for the 2019 TOC, contact Marie Sablan at 236-2572 or Amanda Ramon at 236-2530. For player information and to download the registration form, visit www.tocSaipan. com. **(PR)** 

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Pursuant to P.L. 8-41, Section 11, Governor Ralph DLG. Torres and Lt. Governor Arnold I. Palacios, through the Health Care Professions Licensing Board (HCPLB) are hereby giving notice that it will hold its regular monthly board meeting on *Tuesday, July 30, 2019 at 8am* on Saipan. The meeting will be held at the CHCC Conference Room #2, Lower Navy Hill.

### **AGENDA**

Meeting Call to Order

Determination of Quorum
Review and Adoption of Agenda

Review and Adoption of Minutes (06/13/19)

Public Comments Chairperson's Report

Request for Legal Services (AG)

 Revisiting the licensing of EMTs (DFEMS) Investigator's Report
Communications from the Governor's Office & Legislature

A. Governor's Office Legislature

• S.B. No. 21-34 (Requiring Medical Assistants

to be licensed, certified or registered)
Old Business

A. Discussion/Adoption on the following Propose Regulations:

Substance Abuse Counselor
 Clinical Psychologists
 Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist

B. Physician Residency Application New Business
Pending Applications for Board's Review

A. New Applications

• G. Dimitris (Physician) B. Renewal Applications

 Chesther P. Cuento (Radiologic Technology)

Miscellaneous Business

Executive Session: The Board may vote to meet in executive session to consult with Counsel on pending or anticipated legal matters.

Announcements
A. Director (Esther) will be off-island from August 13-20, 2019 to attend the 2019 NCEES Annual Business Meeting (for Engineers) in D.C. B. Next Meeting Date C. Adjournment of Meeting

Theodore R. Parker, R.Ph., MPH Chairman



### **SPECIAL BOARD MEETING NOTICE**

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 11, the Marianas Visitors Authority hereby gives notice that a Special Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 31, 2019, at 4:00 p.m. in the MVA Conference Room, Saipan, MP 96950.

### **MEETING AGENDA**

- 1. Preliminary Matters 1. Call to Order
  - Roll Call
  - Adoption of Agenda
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- /s/ Marian Aldan-Pierce Chairperson, MVA Board of Directors

# MCS welcomes new employees

Mount Carmel School is welcoming back most of last year's teachers and staff, as well as some new and not-sonew faces, in time for the start of the school year.

### **JONATHAN SANCHEZ**

History and science teacher



Sanchez

Sanis chez 2012 AlumKnight and returns the school as Mount Carmel's

new teacher for 8th grade Science and Northern Marianas Island history. After earning his high school diploma, Sanchez pursued his college degree at the Northern Marianas College.

"As an AlumKnight, I hope to pass down old traditions and methods that were taught to me with a twist with what is effective at the present date," he said.

Like many AlumKnights who chose to pursue a college degree right after high school, Sanchez credits Mount Carmel with helping him in his educational goals. "Some of the values in the Catholic religion helped me persevere through rough times in obtaining a degree and having the patience to push through the day. At the end of the day, it's all about giving back to those who helped me get through my days as a student."

### **ALICA OLIVIA**

Math teacher



Olivia

Olcia ivia is no stranger to Mount Carmel School. She attended M C S

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throughout most of her childhood but transferred to the Academy of Our Lady on Guam in her senior year. Although she couldn't complete her secondary studies at MCS, she still holds a deep connection to the school and is excited to be back. "I feel like I am going back to where I started as a student and I'm grateful for this opportunity to give back."

Olivia discovered her love of math as a student and hopes to make it enjoyable for her own students. With her degree in business management and her work experience, Olivia will be teaching pre-algebra and consumer math this school year.

### **IOYCE DIMAUN**

3rd Grade teacher



Dimaun

to Mount Carmel School and joins

maun is

the team as a thirdgrade

teacher. She has a background

in music with a bachelor's degree in music education and a minor in piano from the University of Santo Tomas in Manila. Her knowledge and experience in music are significant as the school works to expand its band program.

Prior to joining MCS, Dimaun has worked as an educator since 2003. In the CNMI. Dimaun has taught at Northern Marianas International School, Lil' Hands Music and Arts, Ramon C. Sablan School of Music, and Marianas Academy of Music and Arts. As a new instructor at MCS, Dimaun said, "I feel at home being at MCS and I...hope to create an energetic learning environment so that my students always feel there is something new to learn and experience."

### **CLAIRE CABRERA**

4th Grade teacher



Mount Carmel School AlumKnight returning to help her alma mater. Upon earning her bachelor of science degree in elementary education from Northern Marianas

College, Cabrera joined the

workforce as an educator

in the CNMI Public School

A grad-

the Class

of 2008,

Cabrera

is another

uate

System. She has teaching experience in middle-school science and has also taught elementary Chamorro to students in Kindergarten.

After serving five years in the government sector, Cabrera returns to her alma mater. "Returning to MCS is similar to answering a long-awaited call," said Cabrera.

As Mount Carmel School's new fourth grade teacher, Cabrera is eager to take all the knowledge from her work experience and use it to apply and improve her methods of instruction.

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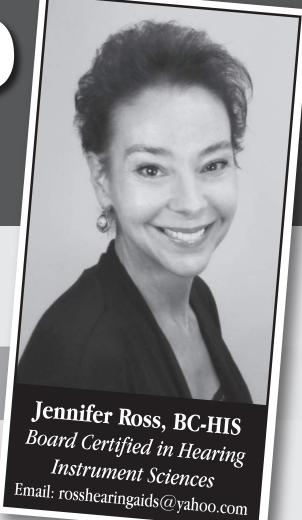
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# Skinner: A trailblazer for civil rights in the Coast Guard

SANTA-RITA, Guam— Seventy years after President Harry Truman appointed Carlton Skinner the first civilian governor of Guam, Adm. Karl Shultz, the commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard, presided over the groundbreaking of

the new Cmdr. Carlton Skinner building at Naval Base Guam last Monday, July 22.

The building will support three new Fast Response cutters replacing the two 110-foot Island Class cutters currently stationed in Guam.

"We are growing our presence and capabilities in the Indo-Pacific," said Schultz. "We broke ground on a stateof-the-art support facility for three new Fast Response cutters, which will be homeported in Guam and patrol

throughout the region, protecting U.S. national security and economic interests."

Named after Carlton Skinner, a U.S. Coast Guard World War II veteran and the first civilian governor of Guam, "this...building is a physical

representation of our close Oestele a particular African ties to the people of Guam, its history, and our longstanding commitment to their liberty. Semper Paratus!"

Skinner was an advocate for greater self-rule for the people of the territory. Guam was under military-control since the United States had taken it from Spain during the Spanish-American War. During an interview in 1970 with James A. Oestele for the John F. Kennedy Library History Program, Skinner stated his view on how he felt concerning self-rule in the Pacific.

"I don't have the precise date...but the Navy had ruled these islands continuously ever since and, in my opinion, the people were denied their basic civil rights by being under military rule, various aspects of that, not the least of which was that they had no legislative bodies with legislative powers," said Skinner.

Skinner was a part of the drafting process for the Guam Organic Act of 1950, the constitution of Guam, and breaking the chain of military rule. This event was not the first time he was a trailblazer for civil rights.

During World War II, Skinner was the executive officer aboard the Coast Guard cutter Northland as it patrolled off the coast of Greenland. It was his job to evaluate and recommend service members under his command for advancement.

At the time, the U.S. military segregated African Americans and limited them to specific rates aboard ships. Skinner recalled in the interview with

American steward's mate who served under him.

In Skinner's words, this steward was a genius with diesel motors. Skinner said he would spend all his free time in the engine room, studying motors and their manuals, and desired to be a motor machinist's mate. The rate was prohibited to African Americans at the time.

"It seems to me very logical that he should be, and I had him examined for this and recommend him to headquarters and headquarters sent back that he could not be because he was [African American]," said Skinner. "This irritated me; it infuriated me. I had him re-examined, and appealed, and finally he was rated as a motor machinist's mate."

Skinner went on to discuss how this situation made him view the bigger problem of racial segregation in the Coast Guard and Navy. When the cutter returned from Greenland, he recommended to the commandant of the Coast Guard a program be created for the inclusion of African Americans in the general ratings at sea.

This effort was the birth of the USS Sea Cloud experiment. Skinner received orders to become the executive officer of the Sea Cloud, a Navy weather ship, in 1943. He was later made the ships commanding officer, and began overseeing desegregation of the vessel with African American sailors filling general rating roles. Within a few months, there were over 50 African Americans assigned to the ship.

The experiment to deliberately desegregate an American warship was a first. Skinner had asked for no special treatment or publicity as the cutter fulfilled its roles without incident, proving the process should and could work.

With Skinner's history in mind, it is fitting that, 76 years after the Sea Cloud experiment began, the building now bearing his name will provide support for two cutters named after minorities who broke through prejudicial barriers in their time.

The Fast Response cutters Oliver Henry, Myrtle Hazard, and Frederik Hatch are scheduled to arrive in Guam over the next three years.

Oliver Henry is recognized as the first African American to successfully make the transfer from steward's mate to motor machinist's mate and may very well have been the steward's mate Skinner had referred to in his interview as they both served aboard the Northland together during the

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Adm. Karl Shultz, the commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard, is joined by Guam Gov. Lou Leon-Guerrero and Lt. Gov. Josh Tenorio at the groundbreaking ceremony for the new Cmdr. Carlton Skinner Building at Naval Base Guam on July 22, 2019.

U.S. COAST GUARD/AUXILIARIST DAVID LIU



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### ADDENDUM NO. 1 July 23, 2019 RFP19-GOV-097

- 1. The project package is available at the Governor's Office, Juan A. Sablan Building in Capitol Hill, Saipan. Electronic copy is also available. Please request by emailing Ms. Nerissa Benavente at nerissa.cip@gmail.com or contact the Office at 664-2371. A pre-proposal meeting regarding this project will be held on Wednesday, August 7, 2019, 10:00 a.m., ChST at the CIP Office in Capitol Hill. Questions regarding the Request for Proposals shall be addressed to Ms. Elizabeth S. Balaiadia. P.E., Project Manager, CIP Office at esb.cip@gmail.com or facsimile (670)-664-2408 no later than 4:00 p.m. ChST, August 12, 2019.
- 2. For proposers located outside the CNMI, one original and three (3) copies of the sealed proposals must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service of the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than August 19, 2019 and must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than August 28, 2019. Failure to submit the required number of copies of the proposal may be a cause for rejection of a proposal.

### **END OF ADDENDUM NO. 1**

/s/ Elizabeth S. Balajadia /s/Francisco C. Aguon **Acting Director Procurement & Supply** CIP Administrator

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### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE **NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**

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Petitioner )

Notice is hereby given that the above-entitled matter is set for a hearing on 9/30, 2019, at 9:00 a.m. in Courtroom 212 Marianas Business Plaza, before Associate Judge Teresa Kim-Tenorio

Dated this 3rd day of July, 2019

Patrick V. Diaz Clerk of Court By: Deputy Clerk of Court



Undated photo of Cmdr. Carlton Skinner aboard the USS Sea Cloud, along with several African American crewmembers. Photo courtesy of Coast Guard historian's office.

Greenland patrol.

Myrtle Hazard is considered the first active-duty female Coast Guard service member. She served as an electricians mate in 1918, and while women had served in several different capacities to the precursor services of the Coast Guard such as lighthouse keepers, she was the first enlisted female service member in the Coast Guard.

The Coast Guard remains committed to the concept of diversity all these years after Skinner began his time on the *Sea Cloud*. Recently, the com-

mandant has made diversity within the Coast Guard a top priority. One of Shultz's primary directives is to recruit and retain an inclusive and diverse workforce that reflects the American public the Coast Guard serves.

"Our leaders must be champions of diversity and inclusion at all levels of the [USCG]," said Schultz. "Now is the time to make tangible changes to the way our Service approaches diversity and inclusion. It starts with us, but our message must make it to all levels of the Coast Guard. Carry our mes-

sage, shipmates."

Vincent Patton, who served as the master chief petty officer of the Coast Guard from 1998 to 2002, stated Skinner was a leading figure in integrating the United States military during an interview with the publication *SFGate* in 2004. He also said Skinner had received little credit for it.

"But then he wasn't interested in getting a lot of notice, and Mr. Skinner said all along this wasn't about creating a social experiment...but about putting people in the right job," said Patton. (USCG)



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### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

MEETING OF THE CRM AGENCY OFFICIALS

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 11, Governor Ralph DLG. Torres and Lt. Governor Arnold I. Palacios through the Division of Coastal Resources Management (DCRM) hereby give notice that a CRM Agency Officials meeting will be held on *Monday, August 5, 2019, 9:30AM* at the BECQ 2nd Floor Main Conference Room, in Lower Gualo Rai, Saipan.

### <u>AGENDA</u>

- I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS
  - A. Call to Order
  - B. Roll Call
  - C. Adoption of Agenda
  - D. Adoption of April 9, 2019 Meeting Minutes

### II. PERMIT APPLICATION REVIEW

A. CRM Permit Application No. TMS-2019-X-020

Project: XINGSHA HOTEL PROJECT The Tinian Hairui Real Estate Co., LLC is proposing to construct the Xingsha Hotel along 8th Avenue and Kammer Beach, Lot No. 040 T 06, in San Jose, Tinian. The proposed project consists of three 3-story building complex with a total of 138 unit guest rooms, 112 parking spaces, storage area, control room, lobby and reception area, snack bar, and kitchen and dining areas with seating of about 24 persons. The proposal includes landscaping of plants and trees.

1) Agencies' Review and Discussion of Application Package

III. OTHER MATTERS IV. ADJOURNMENT

All interested persons are welcome to attend and to submit written or oral testimony regarding the above agenda items. (NOTE: Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13(a) (7) and Section 13(c), the Board may vote to meet in executive session).

/s/ JANICE E. CASTRO Director, DCRM

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The Plan is available for public review and inspection at NMHC's Central Office in Garapan, Saipan, and at the respective NMHC Field Offices in Tinian and Rota during regular business hours, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except for CNMI holidays. Individuals needing special accommodations to review and comment on the plan must contact Mr. Jacob Muna for arrangements by calling (670) 234-6866/7689 during regular business hours.

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# **Opinion**



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### **EDITORIAL**

# A dark reminder of who we are

t happened in the first half of Wednesday's speech. Donald Trump, our president, began to talk about Rep. Ilhan Omar, a Democratic from Minnesota who was among the four women of color he had attacked Sunday in a racist tweet. Everyone knew Trump would speak about the women at some point to the Greenville, North Carolina crowd. Did we know what would come next?

"Send her back."

The chant rose quickly from a handful of voices to a chorus of bigotry. It was a chilling moment. It was "lock her up" in a white hood. It was despicable.

"Send her back."

It could have happened at any Donald Trump rally. It might have happened in any state, north or south. But it happened in Greenville, in our state, and it was one of North Carolina's darker moments.

"Send her back."

Or perhaps not. Maybe the chant will be absorbed in the vortex that is Donald Trump. In a presidency of so many shameful moments, of so many new lows, the singularly awful ones tend to lose their significance. It's possible that North Carolina might be forgotten when the chant inevitably spreads to the next rally. But North Carolina shouldn't forget.

For a state that likes to boast membership in the new South, we have difficulties shedding the old stench of discrimination. We were the last U.S. state to ban gay marriage just seven years ago. We were the first state to pass a transgender bathroom bill with HB2 four years after that.

And yes, we had a bit of a progressive wave here last year. We sent more people to Raleigh who think bills like HB2 are a blight on our state. But we still struggle with segregation in our cities. We still are burdened by economic disparity. We also still have overt moments like Wednesday, and we can't blame it all on Donald Trump.

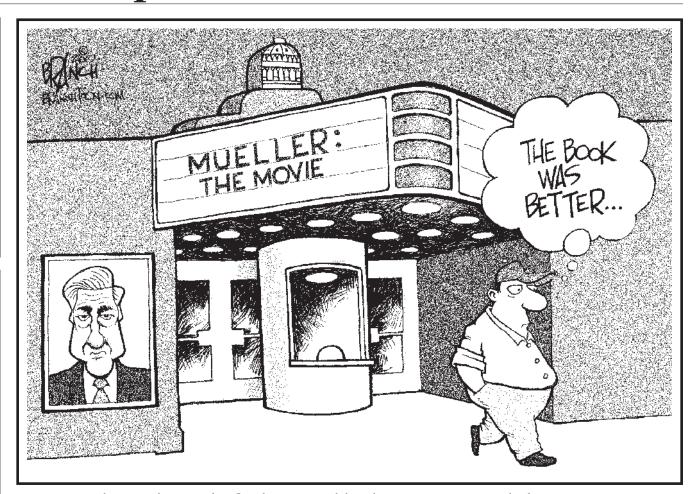
"Send her back."

There will be a temptation for some today to point to Wednesday's rally and say that's not who we are in this state. We hear that kind of thing a lot these days when our president, but not only our president, acts contrary to the values we think this country shares.

But there was some backlash this week when people pointed to the president's Sunday tweet and declared that it wasn't who we are. Because it is, of course, part of who we always have been in America. And in North Carolina. It's who we were in Wilmington in 1898. It's who we were when Dorothy Counts made that first walk to Harding High. It's who we were when we redlined blacks out of white neighborhoods decades ago. It's who we were on a July night in Greenville, and it could be what's coming to Charlotte next summer.

"Send her back," Donald Trump's supporters chanted, without seeing the irony that it was they who were moving backward. "Send her back," they cried, and it was both a reminder and a warning that here in North Carolina, in America, going back is not that far of a journey.

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# Let's be thankful to all those working to foil terrorism here at home

Imost 18 years after 9/11, it has been a while since we've heard of any successful Islamist terrorism attacks. That doesn't mean no attempts are being made, however.

If you live in New York City, you probably recall Akayed Ullah's 2017 bombing of the subway tunnel near Times Square.

Fortunately, successful attacks are few and far between of late. But that's not for lack of trying.

So far in 2019, the U.S. has foiled seven Islamist terror plots targeting the American homeland. Here's a quick snapshot of a few of them:

January: Hasher Taheb plotted to attack the White House and attempted to acquire rifles, explosives and rocket launchers. The seller was actually an undercover FBI agent, who along with other undercover agents and informants, had been investigating and communicating with Taheb about his radical ideology and violent plans.

March: Rondell Henry, inspired by terrorist attacks around the world using vehicles, stole a U-Haul truck and drove it around Dulles Airport and the National Harbor in the D.C. area, looking for a prime opportunity to run over pedestrians. He found security at the airport was too tight and the crowds too small on a Wednesday night so he delayed his plans for a day, which gave police time to find

him and the stolen truck.

June: Mustafa Alowemer, a Syrian refugee admitted in 2016, plotted to bomb a church with a lot of Nigerian congregants in Pittsburgh in the name of ISIS. His motive: revenge for ongoing counterterrorism operations in Nigeria. Alowemer sought explosives from and communicated with undercover FBI agents who arrested him after he began his final planning for an attack and began acquiring components for a bomb.

Thanks to the hard work of law enforcement, none of these plots came to fruition. While there are many surveillance and counterterrorism policies that Congress and the administration can and have considered over the years—and indeed that's what most public policy experts spend their time thinking about—at the end of the day, the hard work of law enforcement is what has kept us safe.

Sometimes it involves months-long sting operations that follow and then stop a terrorist before he can put his plan into ac-

### By DAVID INSERRA

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tion. Other times it's local police just doing their jobs well, such as locating a stolen vehicle and arresting a terrorist as he waited for his moment.

Of course, it's always safer for everyone involved when law enforcement is carefully following a terrorist rather than finding him in the midst of his plot. Such a proactive approach requires good intelligence tools and resources to locate suspect-

any chance of harm befalling the public.

The war on terrorism abroad has also helped. The defeat of ISIS as a controller of territory in Syria and Iraq has helped staunch the recruitment of terrorists and foreign fighters, though unfortunately their vicious

ed terrorists and then investigate them before there is

ideals are still very much alive.

But we must not

get complacent. When discussions about intelligence

programs and resources arise, we shouldn't forget just how helpful they have been at stopping all who would attack Americans and our way of life.

Similarly, when cities like Portland and San Francisco pull out of their local FBI Joint Terrorism Task Forces, we should realize that they are doing more than tearing apart law enforcement cooperation—they're erecting barriers to effective counterterrorism work.

After 9/11, it was clear that our policies had prevented us from connecting the dots to stop that horrific attack. Let's not repeat the same mistake.

But for now, let's be thankful. We're fortunate to have thousands of individuals in intelligence and law enforcement working behind the scenes and on the streets to make the U.S. safer. We don't know what tomorrow will bring, but I pray for success of these unsung heroes as they defend our country.

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# A comet hunter on Saipan

t's a pretty much known fact that I am a big astronomy geek here in the Northern Mariana Islands and even Guam. Less than a handful of astronomy geeks like myself live here on the islands and I might be the only real astronomy geek living here on Saipan. That fact makes me feel a little insecure at times, especially when I enjoy talking about astronomy or current astronomical events with someone. So what do I do to keep myself totally focused (pardon the pun) on astronomy on my stargazing nights on Saipan? Answer: Search for comets. Yup, besides just stargazing, my major astronomical interest and goal is to discover a new comet here on the island of Saipan using my trusty new alt-azimuth mounted 90mm Mystery telescope

Starting with the summer skies, I avoid searching the Milky

Way. There are just too many celestial objects in the Milky Way that resemble a comet. A comet usually appears as a faint "smudge" in the telescope's eyepiece field of view. The Milky Way is filled with these "smudges" (hundreds of them). Most of them are faint, small, condensed globular star clusters that can fool even the most experienced comet hunters if they didn't check out each one individually when they see it in their telescope's evepiece field of view. That would be too time-consuming and end up as a futile search for purchase the same 90mm Mystery refractor discovery of a new comet.

Most new comets are usu-

ally discovered around 10th magnitude, usually discovered as a photographic or visual celestial object (usually a smudge with or without a tail), which is within the magnitude range of my humble 90mm Mystery telescope, providing I'm using a 20mm

Dr. Norm's 90mm f/7.8 comet hunter, an

alt-azimuth mounted Mystery refractor tele-

scope, 10x50mm binoculars, flashlight,

clipboard, and Pocket Sky Atlas. It doesn't

take a very large telescope to discover a new

comet. What it does take is a lot of luck and

an equal amount of persistence, patience,

and dedication in searching the heavens ev-

ery clear moonless night with my 90mm tele-

scope. Photo by Dr. Norm. (Note: You can

telescope as I have and other splendid re-

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A spectacular Public Domain photo image of Comet Mcnaught-Perth-David-Litchfield as seen from Quinn's Beach, Butler, Perth, WA on Jan. 20, 2007.

to 25mm eyepiece, 2x Barlow lens and my Pocket Sky Atlas to confirm it's actual position in any particular constellation using Right Ascension and Declination (R.A. and Dec.) coordinates.

The naked eye can see stars down to the 6th magnitude under clear dark skies. If I get real lucky and spot a "smudge" in my telescope's eyepiece field of view on any given night and determine it has moved by the next night. See comet movement example in the Constellation Hercules sky chart:

I will start to get excited and send a fax and/or email of my suspected new comet coordinates (its astronomical position) and its discovery data to an observatory in Australia or Hawaii for confirmation first. Then, if they confirm it to be a new comet, I will then send a fax and/or email the observatory's confirmation and my new comet discovery data to Central Bureau for Astronomical Telegrams. If they confirm it too, then I can celebrate with a discovery of a new comet. Hopefully, a new comet discovery is

### By NORMAN BUTLER PH.D.

Special to the Saipan Tribune

Norman Butler Ph.D. is a retired astronomer and has been a Saipan resident since 2011. Butler, who holds advanced degrees in Physics and Astronomy, was an opticalman (submarine optical navigational equipment) in the U.S. Navy throughout the 1960s and

worked at Haleakala's AMOS Observatory on Maui starting in the 1980s. He has also authored four popular books on binoscopes and taught at Shenzhen Polytechnic College and Harbin Institute of Technology Shenzhen Graduate School in Shenzhen, China.

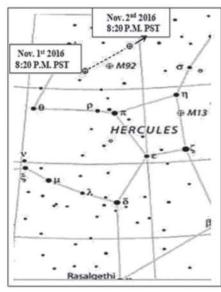


Image Credit: Dr. Norm

in the near future here on Saipan. That's my goal.

I usually start my comet searching on clear moonless nights or after the moon sets soon after midnight. That's generally the best time to search the skies after the surrounding lights have all been turned off and when the night sky will be best suited for scanning the heavens for a new comet. "If" I am

successful in my new comet search, it will be my very first new comet discovery and will be the first new comet discovered in the Northern Mariana Islands (including Guam) on the island of Saipan. A new comet discovery will focus important worldwide attention on Saipan and put it on the honorable astronomical map forever. Wish me luck!

P.S. It would be absolutely great if there was a small observatory (local government-funded and/or NASA grant) complete with a modern all-computerized refractor telescope that is built and located permanently at the Northern Marianas College campus that would be used for academic, student research, solar studies and other university astronomical programs as well. What a great way to encourage the Northern Marianas College and high school students to pursue future academic and professional careers in the sciences, especially physics and astronomy.

### **LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

# CNMI loses again

eople continue to ask me about the marijuana law and why it is taking so long before they can legally plant and use marijuana. From my perspective, the governor couldn't care less about marijuana legalization now that he has been elected because he did not listen to my advice and its obvious now that we are dead last behind Guam and Hawaii on legalization. I can remember over six years ago warning our GOP leaders that legalization is a race for the cannabis tourism market in our region of the world. I continued to warn them right up until the bill became law but I just gave up after that and its clear to everyone that has kept up with the issue that we are floundering again! Finishing what they start is one of the major problems with our GOP and the proof is in the details of our society that is experiencing the same quality of life they experienced 10 years ago and our economy that continues to go up and down like a roller coaster.

I hate to say it but entirely too many voters fell for the GOP's ploy on legalization that was only done to get votes and to set things up for big business, not for locals. The GOP has even our leaders, potential leaders and voters learn? The CNMI may changed the law to make sure locals can't compete and gain real ownership in the cannabis and hemp industries. The Legislature is flip-flopping on what needs to be done and the governor isn't providing any leadership on the issue as to what really needs to have been done last year! Yes, the GOP promised a companion bill last year but, like I said, the GOP has a miserable record of finishing what they started. I also gave the governor a "plan and means" to get our legalization efforts started the day the bill became law but the GOP does not listen to outsiders unless it's one of their high-paid consulting firms in the U.S. mainland who don't care squat about the local people.

In case readers didn't get the news, Hawaii has now decriminalized marijuana, making it easier for recreational users and they already have some of the best strains in America, which means Guam and Hawaii are now far ahead of the CNMI and poised to capture the Southeast Asian market for cannabis tour-

ism and we are now dead last in a race that we could have easily won. We continue to be losers to Guam and Hawaii. When will never be able to compete for tourists seeking to use cannabis now. It's so sad and to think we could have been first and so far ahead that Guam and Hawaii would have been chasing us. Readers need to ask why did the Legislature forego allowing the people to vote on the issue in the name of expediency if they were just going to let Guam and Hawaii beat us. I'll tell you again. Like I said before, it was about getting votes during election season, not getting a solution and finding prosperity for the local people. So if you don't mind continuing to be a loser, just keep voting for and supporting the GOP but if you truly want to make our government a winner and life better for you, then you need to seriously consider running as a Democrat, supporting the Democrats, and voting for Democrats.

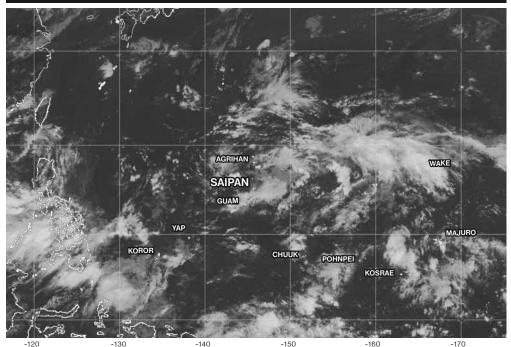
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# The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN									
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### YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



### PICTURE TIME: 6:20 AM, SUNDAY, JULY 28, 2019

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A weak monsoon trough is situated north of Saipan, and gentle west to southwest winds are now present across the Marianas. The clouds and showers that crossed the islands after midnight are now mainly west and north of the islands. Combined seas remain between 2 and 4 feet at the buoys.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

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Palau	Thunderstorm	83° / 77°
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Pohnpei	Thunderstorm	86° / 76°
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London	Mostly Sunny	79° / 59°
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Melbourne	Showers	52° / 43°
Miami	Thunderstorm	87° / 79°
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# 36th Agricultural Fair draws large crowd

By MARC A. VENUS marc\_venus@saipantribune.com REPORTER

Over a hundred spectators converged last Saturday at the Garapan Central Park's Roundhouse for the 36th Annual Agricultural Fair, drawing not just an ample audience but also persuading many farmers and ranchers to participate.

Later that evening, Hannah Cabrera was named the overall winner of the Youth Division, while Jack Torres won the Livestock Division, and Joseph Jones captured the overall Plant Division ribbon.

The fairgrounds opened at 8am and spectators were already viewing all the livestock and crops that were on display, as judges were also calibrating the results of the different competition divisions: Livestock, Plant, and Youth divisions.

Saipan Agricultural Fair Association Dr. Ignacio Dela Cruz was pleasantly surprised by the number of entries. He had hoped to see more of the youth participate in this year's fair, and they did not disappoint.

His surprise was echoed by

Lands and Natural Resources Secretary Anthony Benavente, who said that a total of 13 participant entries were made for both the livestock and plant division.

He said the youth division had nine participant entries and it is a major improvement for this year's fair, as last year's fair only had one entry.

Spectators were also pleased at the many displays of cows, bulls, goats, chickens, pigs, and ducks. Later that evening, SAFA held an evening banquet for its participants and announced the winners of each division.

Among SAFA's partners for the fair were the CNMI ranchers and farmers, the office of the Governor and Lt. Governor, the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation, the Northern Marianas College's Cooperative Research, Extension, and Education Services, Imperial Pacific International, Office of



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Coordinators of the youth division of the 36th Annual Agricultural Fair and Saipan Agricultural Fair Association president Dr. Ignacio Dela Cruz, rightmost, pose for a photo with the overall youth division winner Hannah Cabrera, second right, last Saturday at the Agricultural Fair banquet at the Garapan Central Park Roundhouse.



Participants and winners of the Plant Division pose for a photo during last Saturday's Agricultural Fair banquet at the Garapan Central Park Roundhouse.

the Mayor of Saipan, Department of Public Works, Saipan Office of Zoning, Bureau of Environmental and Coastal

Quality, and DLNR.

Its donors were the Tan Siu Lin Foundation, DFS Saipan, Marianas Pacific Distributors, IT&E, Herman's Modern Bakery, Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan, and McDonald's Saipan.



SAFA treasurer Jack Ogomuro observes the fruits on display at last Saturday's Agricultural Fair at the Garapan Central Park Roundhouse.



Ribbons indicating the winners of the Cow and Bull portion of the Livestock Division are on display at last Saturday's Agricultural Fair at the Garapan Central Park Roundhouse.

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Participants and winners of the Livestock Division pose for a photo during last Saturday's Agricultural Fair banquet at the Garapan Central Park Roundhouse.

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# **Business**

# Island Hop bounces to its own beat

By MARK RABAGO

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Island Hop was born after owner Missy Parsons had an epiphany one day while relaxing on the beach.

"Well my then boyfriend and I had been on island for about a year and wanted to open up a business but didn't know what to do. We were at Pau Pau [Beach] one Saturday and looked around and saw all the kids at the parties actually playing and making up games, not one kid was on a tablet or phone," she said.

Parsons thought that seeing children actually playing outdoors and being active was refreshing.

"So, I told my boyfriend that I definitely wanted to do something family oriented and something the island didn't have (or I hadn't seen) and I realized I hadn't seen one bounce house since we had been here and that's how it all began," she said.

The whole idea of coming up with Island Hop came

in a flash, but the company didn't actually take off until months later.

"I ordered the bounce houses mid-December 2017 and my first rental was March 4th (it took quite a long time to get here). The initial reception was more than I had anticipated. Once my Facebook page was up and I shared it with some friends I had over 400 followers in the first five days, orders started coming in the second day my page was up and the bounce houses weren't even here yet!"

Parsons said that her bounce houses come from China

"Both times I have ordered it has been from China. After doing months of research I realized that they used the same type of vinyl and stitching as the companies in the U.S., plus they had so many more fun-looking ones than thy typical castles they sell in the U.S. and the shipping was

As far as pricing goes, Island Hop's biggest and most elaborate bounce house is the



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Owner Missy Parsons poses in front of Island Hop's biggest and most elaborate bounce house, the Castle Combo.

Castle Combo. "It is a 3-in-1 bouncy house, water slide, and pool and it is \$275 for the bo, Island Hop also rents out

day," said Parsons.

Aside from the Castle Com-

Candy Land (\$125); Jungle Monkey (\$125); Birthday Cake (\$125); Wet/Dry Double Slides (\$225); and Tidal Wave 20-foot water slide (\$250).

Parsons said all prices are for full-day rentals.

Aside from the usual birthday parties, Island Hop also get bookings for christenings, school events, church events, Liberation Day, family fun days, and even island events like the American Red Cross-NMI Chapter Walkathon and Konger.

As far as the frequency of bookings, Parsons said it could be as unpredictable as the Saipan weather.

'So far, the busiest month two years in a row has been April. As far as bookings go that is always up in the air, I have had as little as one up to nine in one week." she said.

Lately, however, like other local businesses Island Hop has also taken a hit from the economic slowdown and the subsequent government austerity measures.

"It has affected my business tremendously. June and July of this year have been my

worst months since I opened in 2017. In June, for example, I had the same number of rentals for the entire month that I usually have in one weekend."

To give the bottom line a boost, Islands Hop is offering 20% off all units until Sept. 1, 2019.

Regardless of plateauing sales, Parsons said she's just happy providing an important service to local families and children.

"Without a doubt the looks on the kids' faces, their excitement, and the cutest things they say is the most fulfilling part of owning Island Hop. Their giggles and laughter... I have had more than one child tell me 'It was their best day ever.' How could you not love that?" she said.

For more information on Island Hop or to book one of their bounce houses, contact Parsons via Facebook at Islandhopsaipan (There is a blue button right on the page that says "Message Me"), via mobile phone at 788-0033, or via email at info@islandhopsaipan.

# Docomo Pacific donates \$12K worth of cellphones to Alee Shelter, Mañe'lu

TAMUNING, Guam—As part of a collective effort to help some of Guam's most worthy non-profit organizations, Docomo Pacific is donating over \$12,000 worth of cellphones to the Alee Women's Shelter and Mañe'lu.

The donation includes 127 new handsets including Samsung, Figo, Alcatel, and Caterpillar prepaid phones. The contribution is part of Team 23's group initiative hosted twice a year by the Dan Dorr Advanced Leadership Program on Guam. Team 23 members are the most recent graduates from the leadership seminar who committed as a group to help raise funds for the Alee Women's Shelter and Mañe'lu. Team 23, made up of business leaders from Bank of Guam, Docomo Pacific, The Guam Daily Post, Lombard Health, University of Guam, and the Government of Guam, raised over \$17,000 in in-kind and cash contributions for the two non-profit organizations.

"We understand the power of communication and how something as small as a cellphone can make a big impact in our lives. This is an incredible opportunity to be a part of Team 23's initiative to help these worthy organizations that provide a safe-haven for women and help empower our youth. We look forward to getting these devices in the hands of people who could re-



ally make the most of them whether it's helping them to get jobs, reconnecting with family and friends, or being able to call for help," said Docomo Pacific president and CEO Roderick Boss.

Mañe'lu, formerly Big Brothers Big Sisters of Guam, is a local non-profit that has been educating and empowering children and families to change their lives for the better for over 15 years. Since 2002, Mañe'lu has been enriching the lives of hundreds of children throughout the island by providing excellence in oneto-one mentoring.

The Alee Women's Shelter provides emergency/protective shelter for victims of family domestic violence and sexual assault. The shelter serves women, with or without children, who are in crisis from family domestic violence and sexual assault.

We're happy to be a part of Team 23's success but more importantly to make a meaningful impact to the Alee Women's Shelter and Mañe'lu. Along with making a difference in our community, being a part of Team 23 and the Dan Dorr Advanced Leadership Program has helped strengthen our leadership skills and reinforcing what's at the heart of our business in order to drive success. Thank you to everyone involved in Team 23

for bringing us together for a good cause," said Elizabeth Henry, Docomo Pacific vice president of Customer Care and Team 23 member.

Team 23 has held various fundraisers over the past few months to help support the Alee Women's Shelter and Mañe'lu including the Rock for Change on June 14, a Bank of Guam Carabao Balloon Sale, volunteering for iRecycle at the Agat Mango Festival, and many more.

The cellphone donation was made possible through Docomo Cares, the company's long-standing community initiative to help non-profit organizations and programs in Guam and the CNMI. (PR)

## IT&E calls on local musicians to create next IT&E theme song

IT&E is challenging local musicians in Guam and the CNMI to channel their creativity into composing a song about IT&E and mobile technology to win up to \$7,000 dollars in cash and prizes.

The telecommunications provider today announced the launch of the IT&E Song Challenge, a song-writing contest that will produce IT&E's next theme song. Residents of Guam and CNMI will also get a chance to choose their favorite by voting for People's Choice.

"It's important to us that our theme song represents not only IT&E, but also the community and people we serve. We're excited to hear what our local musicians come up with for the IT&E Song Challenge and to provide a platform for them to really flex their talent and creativity," said Jay Shedd, senior director of Sales and Marketing at IT&E.

IT&E Song Challenge is open to Guam and CNMI residents 18 years old and over and all genres are welcome.

Lyrics must mention and promote IT&E. Song must include themes of technology, cell phones and its usage, as well as how IT&E benefits one's life.

IT&E Song Challenge entries will be judged based on universal appeal, originality, lyrics, melody, composition and relevance to theme, IT&E brand, and IT&E products.

### The categories for the **IT&E Song Challenge:**

- IT&E's Choice IT&E will choose one song to be its official theme. A \$1,000 cash prize and up to four phones (depending on the number of people in the group) and free SMS, voice and data service for a year. The winner will also be featured in a music video produced by IT&E and will get to perform at an IT&E sponsored event, to be announced at a later date.
- People's Choice A panel of judges will choose the top 8 finalists. Residents of Guam and the CNMI will choose one winner from the top 8 finalists as the People's Choice. Voting for People's Choice will be held online from Sept. 13 to 19, 2019. A \$500 cash prize and \$300 gift certificate for musical equipment. The People's Choice winner will also get to perform at an IT&E sponsored event, to be announced at a later date.

### How to enter IT&E Song Challenge:

- Go to www.ite.net.
- Fill out the registration form.
- Upload the full song of 5 minutes, a 60-second version, and a 30-second version. Audio only. Each file must not be larger than 100 MB.
- Last day for submission is Aug. 29, 2019 at 11:59pm. (PR)

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# Nation

# Trump proposal seeks to crack down on food stamp 'loophole'

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Residents signing up for food stamps in Minnesota are provided a brochure about domestic violence, but it doesn't matter if they even read the pamphlet. The mere fact it was made available could allow them to qualify for government food aid if their earnings or savings exceed federal limits.

As odd as that might sound, it's not actually unusual.

Thirty-eight other states also have gotten around federal income or asset limits for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program by using federal welfare grants to pro-

duce materials informing food stamp applicants about other available social services. Illinois, for example, produced a flyer briefly listing 21 services, a website and email address and a telephone number for more information.

The tactic was encouraged by former President Barack Obama's administration as a way for states to route federal food aid to households that might not otherwise qualify under a strict enforcement of federal guidelines. Now President Donald Trump's administration is proposing to end the practice — potentially eliminating food stamps for more than 3 million of the nation's 36 million recipients.

The proposed rule change, outlined this past week by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, has highlighted the ideological clash between Trump's attempts to tighten government entitlement programs and efforts in some states to widen the social safety net.

It's also stirred outrage and uncertainty among some who

"I think it's pretty rotten," said Lisa Vega, a single mother of two teenage boys in suburban Chicago who applied for food stamps last month after losing her job. Because she receives regular support payments from her ex-husband, Vega said her eligibility for food stamps likely hinges on the income eligibility exception is trying to end.

"A lot of these politicians don't realize that us Americans out here are living paycheck to paycheck, one crisis away from being homeless," Vega said. "You're just going to take this kind of stuff away from us when we need it the most?"

Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue said the proposed rule change is intended to close a "loophole" that states have misused to "effectively bypass important eligibility guidelines."

Current federal guidelines forbid people who make more than 130 percent of the poverty level from getting food stamps. But many states believe the cap is too restrictive, especially in cities with a high cost of living, prompting them to bypass the limits.

# **ACROSS THE NATION**

### DA: Father who left twins in car said he 'blanked out' NEW YORK (AP)—A

New York father who left his 1-year-old twins in the car while he worked an eighthour shift told police, "I blanked out. My babies are dead. I killed my babies," prosecutors said Saturday. Juan Rodriguez, 39, told the officers he thought he had dropped the twins off at day care before he went to his job at a Bronx hospital on Friday, according to a criminal complaint filed by the district attorney's office. "He carried on with his day," the New York Post reported that Assistant District Attorney Jaime Breslin told the judge at Rodriguez's arraignment. "He forgot his children in the seats." Rodriguez sobbed as he pleaded not guilty to two counts each of manslaughter, criminally negligent homicide and endangering the welfare of a child. He was released late Saturday on \$100,000 bail. He is due back in court Aug. 1. Investigators believe Rodriguez parked a silver Honda Accord with the twins, Phoenix and Luna, in carseats in the back. It appeared that he drove off after finishing work before realizing the children were in the car and frantically summoning help, police said. The boy and girl were pronounced dead at the scene.

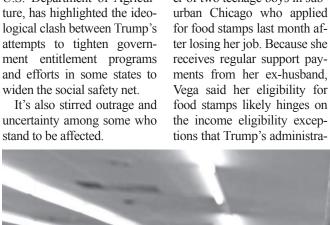
### 4 dead, 1 injured in single-car crash in western New York

BURNS, N.Y. (AP)—Authorities say four people were killed and another was injured when a car full of teenagers crashed in western New York. School district officials said three of the dead in Saturday morning's

crash in the town of Burns were Dansville High School students, as was the injured person. New York state police said a vehicle carrying five people ran a stop sign at a T intersection at 4:30 a.m. and crashed into an embankment and a tree. The driver and three passengers were pronounced dead at the scene. The fourth passenger was taken to a hospital in stable condition. The victims' names were not immediately released, but Dansville Central Schools Superintendent Paul Alioto said counselors would be at the high school Sunday, Monday and Tuesday to support students and staff.

### Sikh temple priest says he was attacked by masked person

HUGHSON, Calif. (AP)— A priest at a Sikh temple in Northern California says he was assaulted by a masked person who told him to go back to his country, the Modesto Bee reports . Through interpreters, Amarjit Singh says the attacker broke two windows, punched him and shouted obscenities about 9:30 p.m. Thursday before fleeing, the newspaper reports. It was "country, country, country, go back, go back, country," Singh said without the help of a translator. He said his attacker had something in his hand to break the windows. Singh says he assumes the intruder ran off in the temple's nearby overflow, dirt parking lot. Community members in Stanislaus County called it a "racially motivated attack" against the Sikh community. Stanislaus County deputies confirm they received a report saying someone came on to the property and broke two windows.





In this Friday, March 17, 2017, file photo, a sign advertises a program that allows food stamp recipients to use their EBT cards to shop at a farmer's market in Topsham, Maine.

# Smugglers offer cash to troops, others to drive migrants

SAN DIEGO (AP)—On the surface, it seemed like a simple task: Drive to a spot a few miles north of the U.S.-Mexico border, pick up people and then drop them off at a McDonald's or other spot past the city of San Diego, and make anywhere from \$500 to \$1,000. No need to cross into Mexico.

Two Marines whose arrests earlier this month for migrant smuggling led to the stunning arrests of fellow Marines at Camp Pendleton described in federal court documents such an offer being made to them. The Naval Criminal Investigative Service on Friday said a total of 19 service members have been arrested at the base, including 18 Marines and one sailor, a Navy corpsman, who all serve in the same unit.

The military personnel are accused of various crimes from migrant smuggling to drug-related offenses, but officials have not said exactly how they were involved.

U.S. Border Patrol officials

say smuggling rings have been luring U.S. troops, police officers, Border Patrol agents and others to work for them as drivers—a crucial component of moving migrants further into the United States once smugglers get them over the border from Mexico.

Border Patrol agents over the years have routinely caught migrants walking onto Camp Pendleton or floating in skiffs off the coast nearby. The camp, dissected by Interstate 5 leading to Los Angeles, sits along a well-traversed route used by smugglers.

Transporting migrants with American drivers can be more effective in avoiding detection. Customs and Border Protection has broad authority to question and search within 100 miles of the border.

If the driver is in the armed forces, with a military haircut and credentials, that's a bonus for smugglers because they believe they are more likely to get waved through a checkpoint.

"This is the kind of official corruption that smuggling networks of all kinds, whether it involves people or drugs, really look for," said David Shirk, an associate political science professor at the University of San Diego.

It's ideal, he added, for criminal networks to use corrupt officials or military personnel, including "young, gullible and greedy" troops, to help them in their illegal activities.

So-called recruiters for smugglers have chatted up people at casinos and bars, passing out their cellphone numbers and saying if they ever want to make money as a driver to give them a call, U.S. Border Patrol spokesman Theron Francisco said. They have also placed ads online.

"They've advertised on Craigslist before to get people looking for work by saying drivers needed or people with cars and licenses," Francisco said. "Then they might call or text them and say they can get quick money by going south

to an area close to the border and pick up people."

The rings often don't pay but keep promising to pay or bump up the money if more trips are done. A driver is not going to go to police to report being stiffed, Francisco said. If a driver gets arrested, smugglers simply move on to find a replacement.

The 19 arrested at Camp Pendleton have not been charged yet.

They are junior enlisted Marines whose monthly salary can run between \$2,000 and \$3,000 a month. None was part of the Trump administration's efforts that sent troops last year to help reinforce border security.

Marine Lance Cpl. David Javier Salazar-Quintero told authorities that he was recruited by a man he met in a swanky beach community who offered him a way to make extra cash by simply picking up people on the U.S. side of the border and dropping them off north of San Diego.

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# Asia

# Hong Kong protesters, police ready for another likely clash

HONG KONG (AP)—Protesters and police prepared Sunday for a likely showdown in central Hong Kong, one day after clashes led to 11 arrests and left at least two dozen injured in an outlying district toward the border with mainland China.

A mid-afternoon rally has been called at Chater Garden, an urban park in the financial district and about 500 meters (yards) west of the city's government headquarters and legislature.

Police have denied a request from protest organizers to march about 2 kilometers (1.4 miles) west to Sun Yat-sen Memorial Park, but at least some of the demonstrators may still try to push forward. Hong Kong has been wracked by protests for seven weeks, as opposition to an extradition bill has morphed into demands for the resignation of the city's leader and an investigation into whether police have used excessive force in quelling the protests.

Underlying the movement is a broader push for full democracy in the semi-autonomous Chinese territory. The city's leader is chosen by a committee dominated by a pro-Beijing establishment, rather than by direct elections.

In denying the march, police cited escalating violence in clashes with protesters that have broken out after past marches and rallies.

"The police must prevent aggressive protesters from exploiting a peaceful procession to cause troubles and violent clashes," said Superintendent Louis Lau of the police public relations branch.

The police had denied permission for Saturday's march in Yuen Long, where a mob apparently targeting demonstrators had beat people brutally in a train station the previous weekend.

Protesters and police faced off in the streets well into the night, as they've done repeatedly during the summer's prodemocracy protests.

Police said that protesters

removed fences from roads to make their own roadblocks and charged police lines with metal poles. One group surrounded and vandalized a police vehicle, causing danger to officers on board, a police news release said.

Officers fired tear gas and rubber bullets as demonstrators threw bricks and other objects and ducked behind makeshift shields.

Later, police wearing helmets charged into the train station where a few hundred protesters had taken refuge from the tear gas. Some officers swung their batons at demonstrators, while others appeared to be urging their colleagues to hang back. For the second week in a row, blood was splattered on the station floor.

Police said in a statement they arrested 11 men, aged between 18 and 68, for offences including unlawful assembly, possession of offensive weapon and assault. At least four officers were injured.

The Hospital Authority said 24 people were taken to five hospitals. As of Sunday morning, eight remained hospitalized, two in serious condition.

Amnesty International, the human rights group, called the

police response heavy-handed and unacceptable.

"While police must be able to defend themselves, there were repeated instances today where police officers were the aggressors," Man-kei Tam, the director of Amnesty International Hong Kong, said in a news release.

Police said they had to use what they termed "appropriate force" because of the bricks and other objects thrown at them, including glass bottles with a suspected corrosive fluid inside.



A protester steps on a poster depicting former Chinese Premier Li Peng with the words "June 4th Butcher" who recently passed away, during a rally In Hong Kong Saturday, July 27, 2019.

# Duterte halts lotteries amid alleged corruption

MANILA, Philippines
(AP)—Philippine President
Rodrigo Duterte has ordered
the indefinite closure of popular lotteries run by the government's sweepstakes agency
due to alleged massive corruption and said even courts
couldn't stop his order.

Duterte issued the order late Friday telling the national police and the military to immediately close all lottery and gambling outlets of the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office, or PCSO. Duterte did not elaborate on the alleged corruption and said an investigation would follow.

"The ground is massive corruption," Duterte said in a

video message, adding without elaborating that repeated court injunctions on the issue had helped paralyze government and allowed corruption to thrive.

"I will not honor any order from any court stopping us or enjoining us to stop our desire to go into a massive investigation for the massive corruption that is existing in the PCSO," said Duterte, who has been criticized in the past for actions and threatening remarks that critics feared could undermine judicial independence.

"It's all cheating and the contracts were like crafted in favor of corruption and to

favor other corporations and people. I will not allow it," Duterte said without providing other details.

PCSO General Manager Royina Garma said in a statement that the agency would comply with the presidential order but would appeal to Duterte to resume the lotteries. The lotteries, including the widely popular "lotto" games, generate huge revenues that have been mostly used for public health programs and charity.

One type of game, the small town lottery, was launched in the mid-2000s to stamp out a hugely popular illegal numbers game called "jueteng."

In just a year of operation, the lottery generated 3 billion pesos (\$58 million) in revenues and 62,500 jobs for poor workers displaced by a crackdown on "jueteng," PCSO officials said.

"Jueteng," which became popular among the working class and in poor communities, has been regarded for years as a notorious source of huge bribe money for corrupt police officials and politicians.

Police in metropolitan Manila on Saturday closed hundreds of lottery outlets that have generated long lines of people when the jackpot has risen to staggering levels amid hard economic times.

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### 2 dead, 8 athletes hurt in S Korea balcony collapse

SEOUL, South Korea

(AP)—A balcony inside a nightclub in South Korea collapsed on Saturday, killing two people and injuring 16, including American and other athletes at the world swimming championships, officials said. Hundreds were at the nightclub in the southern city of Gwangju when the collapse occurred next to the athletes' village. Two South Korean men died while 16 others were injured, police said. According to a police account, the injured include 10 foreigners, eight of them athletes who were in Gwangju to participate in the swimming championships. Among the athletes were three Americans, two New Zealanders, one Dutch, one Italian and one Brazilian, a police officer said, requesting anonymity ahead of an official announcement. He said most had minor injuries but an American female water polo player required surgery. The other two Americans—a man and a woman—are also water polo players, the police officer said. Police said they detained one of the nightclub's co-owners and summoned three other club officials to investigate whether the collapsed balcony was an unauthorized structure. "This is an awful tragedy," Christopher Ramsey, CEO of USA Water Polo. "Players from our men's and women's teams were celebrating the women's world championship victory when the collapse occurred at a public club. Our hearts go out to the victims of the crash and their families."

### Rescuers evacuate 700 passengers from flooded India train

**NEW DELHI** (AP)—Rescuers in India on Saturday

safely evacuated all 700 passengers from a train after it got stuck in monsoon floodwaters between two stations near Mumbai, the country's home minister said. A statement by India's disaster management office in Maharashtra state said the Mahalaxmi Express train got stuck due to flooding of the tracks. Home Minister Amit Shah said on Twitter that all of the passengers had been rescued safely. The National Disaster Response Force and the navy earlier launched a rescue operation after authorities warned passengers not to move. The first group of 150 passengers was rescued after the train had been stranded for nine hours in the area, which is about 90 kilometers (56 miles) from Mumbai. The train had departed from Mumbai around 8:15 p.m. Friday before it got stuck at 3 a.m. Saturday.

### Pakistan floods, landslide kill 5, including 2 tourists PESHAWAR, Pakistan

(AP)—Pakistani officials say flash floods triggered by heavy rains and a landslide have killed at least five people, including two tourists, in the country's northwest. Taimur Khan, a spokesman for the provincial Disaster Management Authority, said on Friday that several people were also injured over the past 24 hours in the floods in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province. Police say the two tourists died when a landslide swept away their car in the town of Naran, were scores of tourists and residents were stranded. Authorities say a key mountainous road that was blocked because of the landslide near Naran has now partially been cleared for traffic. Rains and snowfall often cause landslides and flash floods in various parts of Pakistan, where millions live in mountainous areas.

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# World

# Syrian rebel town pounded, 11 killed in market airstrike

BEIRUT (AP)—A Syrian government airstrike hit a busy open-air market in the country's northwest on Saturday, killing at least 11 people, most of them children, according to activists. The town of Ariha has been particularly targeted over the last week as the government escalates its offensive against the country's last rebel stronghold.

The airstrike in Ariha left an 18-month-old girl with an amputated leg, according to Dr. Mohamad Abrash, a surgeon and chief of Idlib's central hospital. He said the girl's father and brother died in the bombing, while her mother is in the ICU in the bed opposite her with a chest injury and internal bleeding in the head.

The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, which monitors the war, and another activist collective, called Ariha Today, said most of those killed were children. Ariha Today named six children under the age of 14 who it said were killed in the airstrike.

Ariha has been repeatedly targeted over the past week as Syria's government looks to regain momentum in its stalled offensive, which began in late April. It is one of the main towns in Idlib province, which along with the surrounding rural areas of Hama province,



are home to 3 million people.

Separately, local doctors said two medics and an ambulance driver were killed when an airstrike targeted their vehicle in Kfar Zita, a town on the frontline in Hama province, at the edge of the rebel stronghold.

Ghayath, an activist in Ariha who only gave his first name out of fears for his safety, said the strike hit the town during the busy weekly bazaar when people come to buy food and other necessities. He said the death toll could have been higher if it were not for the warning from the local civilian defense team against large gatherings.

"The strike hit the main square, in the center of town,"

"This is a systematic displacement policy to empty the busy town out," said Abrash, the doctor, who said the injured travel nearly five kilometers (3 miles) to reach Idlib

city, which has the most wellequipped hospital for surgery.

In the Syrian government's airstrike campaign, backed by ally Russia, warplanes have targeted medical centers, water plants and residential areas, in what the U.N. and rights groups call a deliberate campaign that amounts to war crimes.

The rebel enclave is dominated by al-Qaida-linked militants and other jihadi groups. The government says it is targeting terrorist locations.

Most of the civilians living in the rebel stronghold have already been displaced by other bouts of violence, and have chosen not to live in government-captured areas.

Over the last three years, the government regained control of most of the territories that were initially seized by the opposition in the early days of the civil conflict—now in its 9th year.

Those military victories, backed by Russian airpower This photo provided by the Syrian Civil Defense White Helmets, which has been authenticated based on its contents and other AP reporting, shows Syrian White Helmet civil defense workers carry an injured girl on a stretcher after an airstrike hit the northern town of Ariha, in Idlib province, Syria, Saturday, July 27, 2019.

and Iranian-backed militias on the ground, followed intense military campaigns and tight sieges that forced rebels to surrender and move north.

Last week, a residential building in Ariha was hit, killing a mother and two of her daughters, while two other girls are recovering in the hospital. The father survived the attack.

The U.N. human rights chief, Michelle Bachelet, said Friday that the world's most powerful nations are failing to show leadership in dealing with the Syrian crisis "resulting in a tragedy on such a vast scale that we no longer seem to be able to relate to it at all."

According to her office, at least 450 civilians were killed since the offensive began in April 30, including more than 100 in the last 10 days alone. More than 440,000 people were displaced inside the crowded enclave to escape the airstrikes.

### Africa's booming cities face a severe toilet crisis

MAKINDYE-LUKULI, **Uganda** (AP)—The darkening clouds are ominous for many in this urban neighborhood, promising rushing rainwaters stinking of human waste from overflowing septic tanks.

As Africa faces a population boom unmatched anywhere in the world, millions of people are moving to fast-growing cities while decades-old public facilities crumble under the pressure.

Sewage is a scourge for residents of this community on the outskirts of Uganda's capital, Kampala. There are no public toilets for some 1,200 people. Mud tinged with feces washes into homes during heavy rains.

The sanitation crisis echoes that of cities across the developing world. Some 2.5 billion people, most of them in Africa or Asia, lack access to an adequate toilet, United Nations figures show. Governments are increasingly depending on private businesses and philanthropic groups to help manage human waste in cities that were never planned to handle so many people.

One of the fastest-growing cities in the world, Kampala is home to at least 1.5 million people but authorities say over 3 million pass through daily, usually for work. Yet there are fewer than 800 pay toilets and only 14 free ones, many of them dilapidated with walls often smeared with feces.

Many people rush to malls to relieve themselves. Even in the buildings of government agencies the toilets are often kept under lock and key, apparently to discourage intruders.

Kampala's urban sewer system covers less than 10 percent of the population, authorities say. When pit latrines and septic tanks are not safely built, they pose a serious health risk. They leak fecal waste that contaminates swamps and Lake Victoria, the city's main water source, especially during the rainy season.

"Less than 50 percent of the fecal sludge generated in Kampala safely reaches a waste treatment plant," said Angelo Kwitonda, a sewage engineer with the government. "The rest of the volume is kept in our homes."

Outbreaks of cholera and other water-borne diseases are common

Poor sanitation costs Uganda \$177 million annually in economic losses linked to disease treatment and lost productivity as people search for places to relieve themselves, according to a World Bank report in 2012. Some 650,000 toilets need to be built to avoid open defecation, it said.

It could get worse. Africa's urban areas contain 472 million people, a number that is expected to double over the next 25 years, according to a 2017 World Bank report.

"The problem of sanitation is very big, so we have had to prioritize," said Najib Bateganya, a Kampala sanitation official who said authorities have been focusing first on improving sanitation in public schools.

"The next model is going to focus on entrepreneurship, toilets as business," he said.

Authorities in Kampala have not constructed a single public toilet for years, though a plan exists to set up 200 toilets by 2025 with the support of donors such as the German development agency GIZ.

Private companies have been trying out solutions in poor, crowded neighborhoods such as Makindye-Lukuli, where trash piles up around tin-roofed homes.

Russian police arrest more than 1,000 in Moscow protest MOSCOW (AP)—Russian police cracked down fiercely Saturday on demonstrators in central Moscow, beating some people and arresting

more than 1,000 who were protesting the exclusion of opposition candidates from the ballot for Moscow city council. Police also stormed into a TV station broadcasting the protest.

Police wrestled with protesters around the mayor's office, sometimes charging into the crowd with their batons raised. State news agencies Tass and RIA-Novosti cited police as saying 1,074 were arrested over the course of the protests, which lasted more than seven hours.

Along with the arrests of the mostly young demonstrators, several opposition activists who wanted to run for the council were arrested throughout the city before the protest. Alexei Navalny, Russia's most prominent opposition figure, was sentenced Wednesday to 30 days in jail for calling an unauthorized protest.

The protesters, who police said numbered about 3,500,

shouted slogans including "Russia will be free!" and "Who are you beating?" One young woman was seen bleeding heavily after being struck on the head.

Helmeted police barged into Navalny's video studio as it was conducting a You-Tube broadcast of the protest and arrested program leader Vladimir Milonov. Police also searched Dozhd, an internet TV station that was covering the protest, and its editor-in-chief, Alexandra Perepelova, was ordered to undergo questioning at the Investigative Committee.

Police eventually dispersed protesters from the area of the mayor's office, but many demonstrators reassembled at a square about a kilometer (half-mile) away, where new arrests began, with police beating some to the ground with wide truncheon swings while other demonstrators tried to push them away.

Before the protest, several opposition members were detained, including Ilva Yashin, Dmitry Gudkov, Lyubov Sobol and top Navalny associate Ivan Zhdanov. All were released later in the day; Zhdanov and Sobol went to the relocated protest and were detained again.

There was no immediate information on what charges the detainees might face.

Once a local, low-key affair, the September vote for Moscow's city council has shaken up Russia's political scene as the Kremlin struggles with how to deal with strongly opposing views in its sprawling capital of 12.6 million

The decision by electoral authorities to bar some opposition candidates from running for having allegedly insufficient signatures on their nominating petitions had already sparked several days of demonstrations even before Saturday's clashes in Moscow.

The city council, which has 45 seats, is responsible for a large municipal budget and is now controlled by the pro-Kremlin United Russia party. All of its seats, which have a five-year-term, are up for grabs in the Sept. 8 vote.

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# Focus

By DAVID CRARY

EW YORK (AP)— For U.S. charities affiliated with the Roman Catholic Church, the past year has tested the resilience of their fundraisers and the loyalty of their donors in unprecedented fashion. Even as many donors reacted in dismay to the church's extensive sex-abuse scandals, the charities faced new challenges trying to address the immigration crisis at the U.S.-Mexico border.

For the agencies with the most donors, Catholic Charities and Catholic Relief Services, it's too early to gauge the overall financial impact of sex-abuse developments last year. Those included abuse allegations that led to former Cardinal Theodore McCarrick's ouster from the priesthood and a Pennsylvania grand jury report asserting that about 300 Roman Catholic priests had abused children at six of the state's dioceses over seven decades.

However, several local Catholic Charities affiliates report a drop in donations linked at least in part to the scandals.

In Pittsburgh, the largest diocese targeted by the Pennsylvania grand jury, local Catholic Charities executive director Susan Rauscher said donations were down this year, though she had no figures yet. The Rev. Nicholas Vaskov, a spokesman for the diocese, estimated that giving directly to the diocese had declined about 10%—due to churchgoers' unhappiness with a reorganization of parishes as well as dismay over sex abuse. Staff cuts have resulted.

Pittsburgh Bishop David Zubik, like some bishops elsewhere, has told donors that none of their gifts would be diverted to a new compensation fund for abuse victims; he said the fund would be financed largely through sale of properties.

In western New York's diocese of Buffalo, many angry parishioners have withheld donations as Bishop Richard J. Malone faced criticism for allowing priests accused of inappropriate conduct to remain in ministry.

Leaders of Buffalo's Catholic Charities affiliate worried about impact on their programs serving more than 150,000 people. So they offered a deal: Unlike past years, when gifts to its annual appeal were split between the charity and the diocese, donors this year could choose to direct entire donation to the



# Catholic charities — tested by abuse— scandals, border crisis

charity. More than 50% of donors picked that option.

"People are confused. ... They're upset with the Catholic church," said Dennis Walczyk, president of Catholic Charities of Buffalo. "But don't take it out on the people that really need help.'

Despite the new approach, the annual appeal, which ended June 30, came up about \$1.7 million short of its \$11 million goal. Walczyk said the charities' programs would persevere, but the diocese warned it might have less money for schools, youth ministries and hospital chaplains.

Next door to the Buffalo diocese, the Catholic Charities affiliate in Rochester managed to boost contributions about 80% from 2016 to 2018 thanks to new fundraising initiatives. Yet the abuse crisis has cast a shadow there as well—Catholic Charities is among the defendants in a lawsuit alleging that a now-deceased priest sexually abused a child at a Catholic Charities facility in Rochester 50 years ago.

Catholic Charities USA, which oversees operations of its affiliates in dioceses nationwide, has recently issued urgent appeals for more donations to help address the needs of immigrants and refugees, notably along the U.S.-Mexico border.

"100% of your donation will help our agencies along the border ... and ensure that children are being treated with care and kindness," said an appeal last month. "Without additional funding, Catholic Charities agencies struggle to meet the growing needs of the migrant crisis."

Catholic Charities has not publicly provided any recent update on its overall donor support, although its CEO, Dominican Sister Donna Markham, sounded words of warning last year.

"Anybody who is working in Catholic organizations right now is being hit by the fallout from the abuse crisis," she told Catholic News Service. "We have been faced with some of our significant donors saying, 'No more money to Catholic Charities until the bishops straighten out this mess."

A national survey released in June by the Pew Research Center reinforced Markham's concerns; it reported that onefourth of Catholics said they had reduced donations and scaled back Mass attendance

because of the abuse crisis.

Among the many Catholic Charities affiliates grappling firsthand with the border crisis is the one in San Diego, which has struggled to obtain the funds needed to sustain its expanded services. It needs more legal staff to help asylum-seekers at their immigration court hearings, and more funds to buy tickets for migrants seeking to unite with family elsewhere in the country. Its new clientele includes not only recent arrivals from Mexico and Central America, but also asylumseekers from Nigeria, Haiti and elsewhere who crossed over the Mexican border.

"Donors' support has not been sufficient," said the San Diego affiliate's executive director, Vino Pajanor. "Families still reside in churches or overcrowded homes. Children have school-related needs that are not currently being met."

Pajanor said donations to his organization dipped from \$2.3 million in the 2018 fiscal year to under \$2.2 million in the just-ended fiscal year, with a further drop projected for 2019-20. He suggested that factors behind the drop included the sex-abuse crisis and tax code changes affecting

charitable deductions.

No U.S. city has been entangled longer in the abuse scandal than Boston, where articles by The Boston Globe in 2002 exposed extensive abuse and cover-ups. There has been simmering anger toward the Boston archdiocese among many area Catholics, but the regional Catholic Charities affiliate—which serves about 190,000 people—says donations have been steady enough to sustain basic programs.

"By and large, we've just hung in there," said Debbie Rambo, who has worked for the charity since 1978 and been its president for nine years.

Giving from individual donors has seesawed in recent years. It totaled \$9.3 million in the 2018 fiscal year, up from \$7.1 million in 2017 and down from just under \$10 million in 2016. The total for the just-finished 2019 fiscal year hasn't yet been calculated; Rambo said it will be up slightly from 2018.

"Catholics continue to support our work because they believe it's so important," said Rambo, citing programs that aided about 20,000 refugees and immigrants last year.

While Catholic Charities

In this July 17, 2019, photo, Catholic Charities case worker Chirine Roman, left, speaks with a family from Nigeria at Catholic Charities in San Diego. As charities face new challenges due to the immigration crisis at the U.S. - Mexico border, some local Catholic Charities affiliates report a drop in donations.

operates in the U.S., Catholic Relief Services focuses on foreign missions. It was formed to serve displaced people during World War II and now operates programs in more than 100 countries.

Its work is widely admired-and not directly connected to U.S. dioceses buffeted by the sex-abuse crisis-yet the scandals nonetheless have affected CRS.

One of its former board members, and a director of the CRS Foundation, was Mc-Carrick, the former cardinal expelled from the priesthood in February for sexually abusing minors and seminarians. As allegations against him solidified last year, CRS issued a statement expressing dismay and severing ties with McCarrick.

CRS also said six of its former board members-five of them deceased-were named by the Pennsylvania grand jury as having played a role in allowing clergy sex abuse to continue. Going forward, CRS promised constant "revisiting" of its policies to prevent and address sexual misconduct.

CRS reported \$226.4 million in private contributions for the 2018 fiscal year, down from \$239.6 million in 2017. Its communications office declined to comment on any possible effect of the sex-abuse scandals.

Like Catholic Charities, CRS has been beefing up programs aimed at easing the immigration crisis. Among its priorities is addressing problems in Central America, such as gang violence and lack of jobs, so people don't feel compelled to leave their homeland. In Mexico, CRS supports shelters that provide legal aid and trauma counseling to migrants.

Some prominent Catholics, including Washington Post columnist Marc Thiessen, have urged fellow Catholics to withhold money from their bishops' fundraising drives as a way of demanding more accountability for the sex-abuse crisis. In an op-ed in March, Thiessen suggested that faithful Catholics instead steer their donations directly to "the many wonderful Catholic charities that help the poor and vulnerable."

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■ There's more to dehydration than you might think.

In addition to increased thirst, dehydration has other common symptoms including dark urine, dry skin, headaches and muscle cramps, Harris said.

Other times, however, the symptoms could be confused for something other than dehydration, according to Harris.

"Sometimes it's a very vague symptom," she said. These ambiguous symptoms include feeling sleepy, tired, irritable or confused.

In severe but rare cases, symptoms of dehydration can include convulsions and even delirium, according to Harris.

"Those are the ones that happen quickly."

■ It can take time for dehydration to settle in. After spending time outside on a hot day, it might seem obvious to get a drink, but it might take longer for dehydration to settle in.

In some cases, dehydration can happen hours or even days later, Harris said.

"Your body is great at compensating until it can't," Harris said. This is why experts recommend hydrating days before strenuous activity, such as a marathon, and not waiting until the day of.

■ It doesn't need to be hot outside for someone to become dehydrated.

The summer heat plays a role in dehydration, but it doesn't take triple-digit temperatures to reach a breaking point.

Other weather conditions—such as humidity levels and dew points also play a role in how much someone sweats.

When it's muggy outside and humidity and dew points are high, someone might sweat more even if temperatures are relatively mild.

Dew points—a measure of water vapor in the

air—are also another weather condition to consider when being outdoors for several hours.

the summer.

Once dew points reach 60 degrees, conditions will feel slightly muggy. When dew points reach 70 to 75 degrees, the air feels thick and oppressive, according to the National Weather Service.

"Make sure you're listening to your body," Harris said. "Make sure you're not afraid to get help."

■ There's no magic number on the amount of water to drink.

When it comes to how much water someone should drink per day, experts often cite the 8x8 rule: eight 8-ounce glasses per day. That's a good general rule to follow, Harris said, but everybody is different, so some people might need more and others less.

Other experts recommend measuring daily water intake based on weight. That's another solid rule, but Harris said it doesn't account for other factors, such as how many minutes some-

one exercises per day, what climate that person lives in and how much caffeine or alcohol that person consumes in a day.

Caffeine and alcohol are diuretics, which cause people to lose fluids, Harris said.

"Even if you're dripking a lot, it appear right

"Even if you're drinking a lot, it comes right back out," she said.

■ It takes more than just water to stay hydrated. Water is great for staying hydrated, but that's not all the body needs, Harris said. To stay optimally hydrated, the body needs a mix of water and electrolytes.

"It's all about balance," she said.

If they're not doing so already, anyone who exercises regularly in the heat or spends several hours outdoors should consider drinking sports drinks to replace electrolytes lost through sweat, Harris said.

### HERE'S WHAT MEDSTAR RECOMMENDS TO PREVENT HEAT-RELATED ILLNESS:

- Hydrate: Drink plenty of water during the day, especially if you are engaged in any strenuous activity. Sports drinks are a good choice if you're exercising or working in hot conditions, but water is a good way to hydrate as well.
- Ventilate: Stay in a place where there is plenty of air circulating to keep your body cool. If you are indoors and don't have access to air conditioning, open windows and use a fan.
- Cover up: Wear light-colored and loose-fitting clothing to avoid absorbing the sun's light and trapping heat. Wear a hat to shield yourself from the sun, but once you feel yourself getting warm, remove any items covering your head that can trap heat close to your body.
- Limit activity: Heatstroke can occur in less than an hour when you are participating in strenuous activity during a hot day. If you feel yourself getting hot or lightheaded, stop your activity and rest in a cool place out of the sun. Be sure to drink water or a sports drink before, during and after any strenuous activity.
- Check on loved ones: The elderly are especially vulnerable to heat-related emergencies. Many elderly residents are not aware of how hot it may get in their residence. Call on older friends and family members regularly to assure they are doing OK.

# Meat-free and plant-based diets are gaining popularity. Here's what you need to know

By RASHA ALI

Vegetarian, pescatarian, flexitarian and vegan—all are no- or limited-meat diets, so what's the difference? And why do we need all of them?

They all revolve around eating a plantbased diet, but there are notable differences when it comes to what specific food groups each includes.

Even though only 3 percent of Americans identified as vegan and 5 percent said they were vegetarian in a recent Gallup Poll, Nielsen reports that 39 percent of Americans in 2017 were actively trying to eat more plant-based foods.

A 2018 report by food consultants Baum and Whiteman also showed that more than 30 percent of Americans have meat-free days, more than 50 percent of adults drink nondairy milk and about 83 percent are adding more plant-based foods to their diets.

While being on a plant-based diet has been shown to help people lose weight, that's not the only reason some people choose to go that route. Some people refrain from eating meat due to ethical reasons because they believe eating animals is morally wrong. Other people decide to lead a plant-based lifestyle to

reduce their carbon footprint and greenhouse gas emissions.

And it's important to note that just because you're a vegetarian or vegan doesn't automatically mean you eat a "healthy" diet.

Check out the differences between these diets below, so you don't accidentally and embarrassingly offer a vegan a mozzarella stick instead of turkey meatballs because they "don't eat meat."

### **Vegetarian diet**



Probably the most familiar of them all: the vegetarian.

A vegetarian is someone

who refrains from eating all types of meat, whether it be poultry, red meat or fish (including shellfish). They don't eat anything that has been made from the body of a living or dead animal.

Their diet consists mostly of grains, vegetables, fruits, nuts, legumes, dairy and practically anything else that doesn't involve the body parts of an animal.

### Pescatarian diet



A pescatarian follows the same dietary guidelines as a vegetarian, except they eat fish.

The word pescatarian "which means

comes from combining "pesce," which means "fish" in Italian and "vegetarian."

Why fish? It really just depends on the person's preference. As with vegetarians, it could be for environmental or health reasons. Some pescatarians choose to allow fish and seafood in their diet so that they can add more protein and other nutrients they might be missing from eating an all-around plant-based diet.

### Flexitarian diet



A flexitarian is someone who is a part-time vegetarian.

What? Flexitarians eat a

vegetarian diet but without completely remov-

ing meat. Their diet consists of adding more plant-based foods while eating things like red meat and poultry sparingly.

It's the most flexible of diets (ha, get it? Flexitarian = flexible). You get the best of both worlds, and there are no hard rules about what you're allowed to eat and what you can't.

It was made popular by Dawn Jackson Blatner, a registered dietitian, who wrote the book "The Flexitarian Diet." The diet boasts adding new healthy foods to your diet, rather than taking food away.

### Vegan diet



A vegan is some on e who refrains from eating all animal products. So while some vegetarians

eat things such as eggs, cheese and yogurt, vegans do not eat dairy or any animal byproducts, like gelatin.

Sometimes veganism extends beyond the person's diet and into their lifestyle, with some choosing not to wear leather or silk and even feeding their pets a vegan diet. It just depends on the individual.

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# Life & Style

# Air-board inventor makes it more than halfway across Channel

By JEFFREY SCHAEFFER ASSOCIATED PRESS

SANGATTE, France

(AP)—Looking like a superhero, the French inventor of an airborne hoverboard glided partway over the English Channel on his personal flying machine then crashed in the sea Thursday.

Unharmed and undeterred, 40-year-old Franky Zapata said he plans to try again. Perhaps within days.

The inventor collided with a refueling boat several minutes into his flight, destroying his

transportation, a version of the Flyboard his company sells commercially.

After being rescued from the Channel's choppy waters, Zapata smiled and said, "We won't give up until we succeed."

Zapata took off to cross the Channel from the French coastal town of Sangatte. From afar, it looked like he was skateboarding on the sky.

He hoped to travel 36 kilometers (22.4 miles) to the Dover area in southeast England. Propelled by a power pack full of kerosene, he planned to refuel from a boat part-

"I felt really great. It's just fantastic," Zapata told reporters later of the experience. "I was flying. It was like a dream."

Reaching speeds up to 177 kilometers per hour (110 mph), he traveled some 20 kilometers (12 miles), more than halfway to the English shore. That's farther than he had ever traveled on his air-board.

But as he descended for a refueling stop on a boat, the platform he was meant to land on was moving too much from waves. He wasn't able to

grab onto it, and he plunged into the sea.

Zapata winced as he described the "disaster." He said his helmet filled with water and he struggled for breath. But he came away from the rescue by French divers with just a scratch on his arm.

"It's hard to swallow," he acknowledged. But as a former jet ski champion, Zapata said he knows how to "learn from your mistakes."

He plans to go back to his workshop as soon as Friday to build a new board and prepare a new trip, possibly

within days.

Zapata wowed crowds in Paris on Bastille Day, whirling over European leaders on challenge.

his flying hoverboard. But crossing the windy, ship-filled Channel was a much bigger

### Woman dies in Alaska trying to reach famed bus from book

FAIRBANKS, Alaska (AP)

- A newlywed woman from Belarus who was swept away by a river in Alaska was trying to reach an abandoned bus made famous by the book and film "Into the Wild."

Veramika Maikamava, 24, and her husband, Piotr Markielau, also 24, on Thursday were heading for the bus where hiker Christopher Mc-Candless met his death in 1992, The Fairbanks Daily News-Miner reported.

The bus has been the source of multiple rescues since it was made famous, first by Jon Krakauer's book published in 1996 and then by Sean Penn's 2007 film. Both chronicled the life and death of McCandless, who hiked into the Alaska wilderness with little food and equipment and spent the summer living in the bus. McCandless was found dead in the bus almost four months later.

Markielau called troopers in Fairbanks late Thursday to report his wife's death during a hike, Alaska State Troopers said.

The couple was trying to cross the Teklanika River along the Stampede Trail near Healy when the woman was swept under water, the troopers said. The river was flowing high and fast because of recent rains.

Markielau reported he was able to pull his wife out of the water a short distance away downriver, but she had died by then, the troopers said.

The body has been recovered. In June 2013, three hikers were rescued by a passing military helicopter when they tried to reach the bus.

In May 2013, three German hikers trying to reach the bus on the Stampede Trail, near Healy, located about 10 miles north of the entrance to Denali National Park and Preserve on the Parks Highway, also had to be rescued. They told troopers the river they crossed getting to the bus had become impassable for the return due to high, swift-running water. The hikers had proper gear but only enough food for three days, troopers said.

# Tyson keeps museum post after sexual misconduct investigation

NEW YORK (AP)—Astrophysicist Neil deGrasse Tyson will keep his job as head of the Hayden Planetarium at New York's American Museum

A museum day that based on

the results of the investigation, Tyson "remains an employee and director of the Hayden Planetarium."

The statement said museum officials would not comment further "because this is a confidential personnel matter."

Tyson was accused of behaving inappropriately with two women in an article published in November on the website Patheos.

In one episode from 2009, Katelyn Allers, an associate professor of physics and astronomy at Bucknell University in Pennsylvania, said Tyson put his hand under the shoulder part

tattoo of the solar system to see if it included Pluto. Allers said the behavior was "creepy."

The second case involved Ashley Watson, who quit her

> job as an assistant for Tyson on the Fox TV show "Cosmos" last year after what she said was inappropriate behavior on his part.

In one instance, Watson said Tyson invited her into

his apartment and told her he wanted to hug her but if he did he'd "just want more."

Tyson responded to the allegations in a December Facebook post in which denied acting wrongly.

Fox Broadcasting and National Geographic cleared Tyson to return to the air on his television series "Star-Talk" and "Cosmos" earlier this year after investigating the same allegations.

A representative for Tyson did not respond to an email seeking comment Saturday.

Messages seeking comment were sent to Allers and Watson.



## AP Source: Jay-Z pulls out of Woodstock 50 performance

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Jay-Z's got 99 problems but Woodstock isn't one: The rap king has pulled out of the 50th anniversary Woodstock festival just weeks before the troubled event is supposed to take place.

Jay-Z will no longer close the three-day festival scheduled for Aug. 16-18, a person familiar with the situation told The Associated Press on Friday, speaking on condition of anonymity because they weren't allowed to discuss the plans publicly.

The news comes on the same day that John Fogerty, who performed at the original 1969 festival with Creedence Clearwater Revival, pulled out of the anniversary event.

Representatives for Woodstock 50 and festival co-founder Michael Lang said they had no comment about Jay-Z and Fogerty's decision to back out of the festival. Dead & Company will also not perform at Woodstock 50, a person familiar with the band's decision told the AP late Friday.

Woodstock 50 has faced a series of setbacks in the

last few months, including permit denials and the loss of a financial partner and a production company. No venue has been publicly announced and tickets have yet to go on sale.

actor Common by his side, Lang announced in March that Jay-Z, Dead & Company, the Killers, Miley Cyrus, Imagine Dragons and Chance the Rapper would perform at Woodstock 50. The festivities were supposed to take place across three main stages at Watkins Glen International racetrack in Watkins Glen, New York, about 115 miles (185 kilome-

With Fogerty and rapper-

ters) northwest of the original site, but the venue pulled out.

Bloomberg reported Thursday that the event will now take place at the Merriweather Post Pavilion, an outdoor am-

> phitheater that seats 19,000 in Columbia, Maryland, some 270 miles south of the original New York site. A representative for Woodstock 50 told the AP that she couldn't confirm the report and

said the organizers had no further comment.

Bill Werde, the former editorial director of Billboard, said because of the location change artists can likely back out of performing.

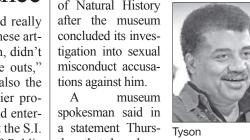
"Most booking contracts are site specific, so with the move to Maryland I think in all probability these artists have easy-outs. And looking at the debacle that this festival has been, I would really be surprised if a lot these artists, if not all of them, didn't start exercising those outs," said Werde, who is also the director of the Bandier program for recorded and entertainment industries at the S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications at Syracuse University.

Acts scheduled for Wood-

stock 50 include Robert Plant and The Sensational Space Shifters, David Crosby, Janelle Monae, Brandi Carlile, Country Joe McDonald, Halsey, the Lumineers and India.Arie. Werde said some of them may just wait for the festival to be canceled before going public. "From a management perspective, if you see this event imploding it is way more diplomatic to wait for (the organizers) to finally cancel it than sort of force the issue and announce your pull out," he said.



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### SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

### Streep to receive **Toronto Film Festival's** first acting award

TORONTO (AP) — Meryl Streep will be the first recipient of an acting award bestowed as part of the Toronto International Film Festival. The festival's organizers announced Friday that Streep will receive the inaugural TIFF Tribute Actor Award during a Feb. 9 charity gala. The glitzy fundraiser will support the festival's year-around efforts to promote films and the industry's leading creators. The actress is the most nominated actor in Academy Award history and has won the Oscar three times. The award is separate from honors bestowed on films shown at the September festival. Its People's Choice Award frequently becomes an Oscar best picture contender. Streep stars in Steven Soderbergh's upcoming Panama Papers film "The Laundromat" with Gary Oldman and Antonio Banderas. The film will have its North American premiere at TIFF.

### MTV announces first run of films in new documentary division

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Films about living in the shadow of the U.S. Capitol and a St. Louis-area activist turned politician will be the first released by MTV's new

documentary division. MTV announced earlier this year that it had hired Sheila Nevins, who for many years was among the most influential people in the documentary business as gatekeeper for such projects at HBO. Her new employer has charged her to build a documentary unit for the youth-oriented network. "17 Blocks" tells the story of an African American family in Washington. "St. Louis Superman" is about Bruce Franks Jr., who was involved in protests against law enforcement in Ferguson, Missouri, and then was elected to the Missouri legislature. Both films will have short theater runs before appearing on MTV this fall.

### Man arrested near **Taylor Swift's house** held without bail SOUTH KINGSTOWN, R.I.

(AP)—An Iowa man police say came to Rhode Island with a backpack full of burglary tools to visit Taylor Swift has been held without bail pending a competency hearing. The Sun of Westerly reports 32-year-old David Page Liddle was held at a court hearing Thursday after authorities said there were concerns he was a flight risk and had previously been accused of stalking the singer. He had been held on

July 19 not far from Swift's beachfront mansion. The Des Moines man is charged with possession of burglary tools and possession of a weapon other than a firearm. Police Chief Shawn Lacey says Liddle told officers he was looking to "catch up" with Swift and knew her personally. Liddle's public defender had no comment.

### Amazon's new 'Making the Cut' is global in fashion, commerce

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP)—Amazon Prime Video's "Making the Cut" isn't just about fashion, it's about worldwide commerce. Amazon Studios head Jennifer Salke told a TV critics meeting Saturday that there's an international field of designers in the upcoming competition series. That makes them a match for the streaming service's global audience, who serve as viewers and potential customers: Fashion seen on "Making the Cut" will be available to buy on Amazon. Salke said the series has an international look. It was shot in Tokyo, New York and Paris, with a catwalk staged in front of the Eiffel Tower. Heidi Klum, Tim Gunn and Chiara Ferragni are the hosts of the series coming in 2020. Amazon said the winner gets \$1 million for brand investment.

# Mary J. Blige to star in first of several 'Power' spinoffs

\$10,000 bail after his arrest

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP)—The end of the hit Starz series "Power" is the beginning of several planned spinoffs, the first featuring Mary J. Blige.

Grammy-winning singer and actress said the announcement was probably the most exciting thing that would happen to her this year.

Blige's casting in the new

show, titled "Power Book II: Ghost," was announced Friday at a TV critics' meeting.

"I have been a fan of 'Power' forever," said the singer, who was nominated for an Academy Award for best supporting actress and original song for her work on the Netflix film "Mudbound."

"It's so relative to how I grew up," she added. "I'm so

grateful to be a part of this."

"Power" executive producers Curtis "50 Cent" Jackson and Courtney A. Kemp said the spinoff is intended to be part of a collection of new shows inspired by the world of "Power."

Naturi Naughton, who stars in the series as Tasha St. Patrick, said Blige will be a great element to the spinoff.

### Anne Hathaway: 'Modern Love' role gave her more compassion

LOS ANGELES (AP)— Anne Hathaway says playing a bipolar character in Amazon's new series "Modern Love" affected her emotionally long after she wrapped the role.

Hathaway plays Terry Cheney, a woman navigating romance with bipolar disorder, in an episode of the anthology.

The series, based on The New York Times' column of the same name, debuts Oct. 18.

At a Television Critics Association meeting Saturday, Hathaway said the role gave her a heightened compassion for people with mental illnesses who can't walk away once the cameras stop rolling. She said she hopes telling stories like Cheney's will open up the conversation surrounding mental illness.

After reflecting on her role, Hathaway lightened the mood when she was asked how she feels about her newly announced second pregnancy.

"How do you think?" she replied, smiling.

### NBC's 'Will & Grace' reboot to end in 2020 after 3 seasons

LOS ANGELES (AP)— "Will & Grace" is coming to an end, again.

NBC said Thursday that the rebooted sitcom will wrap after its upcoming 2020 season, with the air date to be announced.

"Will & Grace" was part of a wave of revivals when it returned to TV in 2017. The third and final season will include 18 episodes.

When the comedy first aired, from 1998-2006, it was a groundbreaker for its depiction of gay friends Will and Jack, played by Eric McCormack and Sean Hayes.

Debra Messing and Megan Mullally also starred in the original and the re-



This March 17, 2018 file photo, Sean Hayes, from left, Megan Mullally, Eric McCormack and Debra Messing attend the 35th Annual Paleyfest "Will & Grace" in Los Angeles.

boot, which followed a new show's producers said much-viewed 2016 election- they consulted with the cast themed reunion video.

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in deciding to bring "Will &

### Man in A\$AP Rocky case allegedly hit with bottle, kicked

**HELSINKI** (AP)—The man allegedly assaulted by American rapper A\$AP Rocky and two other men in Stockholm was kicked while on the ground and hit with a bottle, Swedish prosecutors said in court documents obtained Friday by The Associated Press.

The 500 pages of documents also included allegations that Rocky pushed the man to the ground and photos of the alleged victim's cuts, bruises and blood-stained clothes.

The Grammy-nominated rapper and the two others "deliberately, together and in agreement" attacked the man,

identified as Mustafa Jafari, on June 30, prosecutors said in the Stockholm District Court docu-

Rocky, whose real name is Rakim Mayers, has said he acted **Rocky** in self-defense. He

has been in custody since July 3 and faces charges that carry a maximum sentence of two years in prison.

A lawyer for Jafari, Magnus Stromberg, said the alleged beating started when one of A\$AP Rocky's guards "grabbed him by the neck and dragged him away." Jafari didn't provoke the assault, and "this situation has been very stressful for him," Stromberg said.

"There was no reason, none whatsoever, for the use of such violence," he said.

Rocky's arrest prompted U.S. President Donald Trump to intervene on behalf of the jailed rapper and sparked an unusual diplomatic spat when Swedish prosecutors charged the 30-year-old artist Thursday.

## Sisters puzzle over response to parents' secret bankruptcy

EAR ABBY: My sister and I recently found out (through the internet) that my mother and stepfather have filed for Chapter 7 bankruptcy. A few months ago, Mom approached my sister (who's an attorney) asking about the effects of bankruptcy "for a friend."

My sister and I are now struggling with this information because my mom and stepdad promote a direct sales business where they advertise their multiple cars and lavish lifestyle as a result of the business profits. Should we let them know that we know about the bankruptcy and, if so, how should we handle this situation? Thanks for your advice

STRUGGLING SISTERS

DEAR STRUGGLING: You and your sister the attornev should go to your mother and stepdad and tell them the cat's out of the bag. They may need help extricating themselves from the company they have been promoting. Many people have been caught up in shady direct sales schemes and wound up with garages filled with product they couldn't sell. Whether your mother and stepdad are victims or perpetrators remains to be seen.

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend and I have a joint membership at our local gym. Today the gym owner asked him if I was his mother. It upset me to the point of tears. I don't look any older

than he does. We are not the same race. He is fit; I'm not, but we are both in our early 30s.

Why do people ask rude questions when a simple check of paperwork would satisfy their curiosity? I feel I should say something to her like, "Mind your own business." How do I get over this because I still would like to attend her gym?

WORKING OUT IN THE MIDWEST

DEAR WORKING OUT: That gym owner ain't no rocket scientist. She could have lost TWO clients by asking that ill-advised question. Because you would like to continue ing. I have read that gossiping is related to low self-esteem and patronizing the establishment, refrain from telling her to mind her own business.

P.S. It's possible that she was hitting on your fella, so ask HIM what he hoped to accomplish by repeating something so hurtful.

**DEAR ABBY:** My wife and I have lived in our home for 25 vears, raised our children here and imagined living on this beautiful cul-de-sac forever. A woman who moved close by a few years ago has turned out to be the neighborhood gossip, spreading hateful rumors and expressing opinions that sadden us, based, we believe, on her own failed marriage and personal unhappiness.

It would be nice to dismiss her comments and believe that our friends will ignore her, but it's still hurtful and embarrass-

### DEAR ABBY

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an effort to elevate oneself above others. What is your advice? KEEPING IT POSITIVE

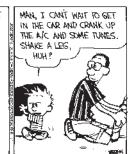
DEAR KEEPING: My advice is to live your lives as you always have, and see your friends as you always have. By doing this, you will demonstrate that whatever the new neighborhood gossip is saying is fiction.

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**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Mun**ro Chambers, 29; Jason Belmonte, 36; Josh Radnor, 45; Martina McBride, 53

Happy Birthday: Do what's right. Don't act in haste this year when it's in your best interest to take your time and do things with finesse. Think matters through, and let your originality and your unique style take over. Much can be accomplished if you use precision and timing. Your numbers are 7, 15, 24, 28, 32, 39, 46.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Keep busy, and avoid conflicts in order to focus on personal and professional gains. Don't get tangled up in other people's problems. Stick to what you know and do your best to get things done correctly the first time. Focus on fitness and health.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Your desire for change can lead to trouble. Consider the ramifications that could develop should you make choices that don't sit well with others. Take care of issues that could slow you down first, and be willing to do the work yourself. OOO

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Take the initiative to make changes at home that are sure to ease stress and make your life better. Moving things around, making adjustments to your living arrangements and looking

for an alternative lifestyle are favored. CANCER (June 21-July 22): Keep an open mind. If you let someone or something get to you, you will likely overreact. Think twice before you make a move that has costs involved. Rely on the people who have

and tidy up what's been left undone. everything in its place whether in your personal or professional dealings. It's easier to move forward once you have nothing holding you back. OOOO

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Participation will change your life. Listen, learn and experience what life has to offer and what others have to say. Create the type of environment you want to live in. Your intuition will not let you down.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): If you want something done, do it yourself. Take care of your responsibilities before someone complains. Expand your interests, and you will meet someone who motivates vou to do what's necessary to fulfill your dreams. Personal growth is encouraged. 😂

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Engage in discussions, listen carefully and find out where you stand. Use experience to help guide you in a direction that will bring you greater happiness. Change may be difficult, but the result will be worthwhile.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Just do it. Sitting on the sidelines isn't going to get you where you want to go. Take action, and follow the most fulfilling path. Don't let anyone redirect you or tempt you to forgo going through the proper channels.

**EUGENIA** already proven to be trustworthy. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Take charge,

You'll feel much better once you put

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By Dave Green

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# Westbrook says he'll fit right in with Houston

HOUSTON While it'll certainly be strange to see him in anything other than a blue and orange jersey, Russell Westbrook has officially moved on from Oklahoma City.

"I only care about one team, and that's the Houston Rockets," Westbrook said.

Westbrook was traded from the Thunder to the Rockets earlier this month for Chris Paul and multiple draft picks, marking the second major move Oklahoma City has made this season. The organization also traded Paul George to the Los Angeles Clippers where he'll team up with Kawhi Leonard—for a slew of draft picks this summer.

Many have questioned how Westbrooks game would mesh with Harden's, despite them having played together before in Oklahoma City. Harden, though, wasn't worried.

"When you have talent like that, it works itself out," Harden said earlier this month.

Westbrook echoed his new teammate on Friday. They've known each other for twothirds of Westbrook's life, he said, and are more than on the same page.

"We've been friends for many, many years," Westbrook said, via ESPN. "Since I was 10, actually. So we've played with each other in Oklahoma City, and to be able to win something, you've got to be willing to sacrifice parts of your game, and we both understand that.

"We both understand that we have one common goal and that's to win a championship. We understand what we have to do. I'm not worried about it, and I know James isn't worried about it. I can play off the ball. I don't have to touch the ball to impact the game. That's the best way for

Houston Rockets general manager Daryl Morey, right, poses with recently acquired guard Russell Westbrook during an NBA basketbll news conference, Friday, July 26, 2019, in Houston. Westbrook was acquired from the Oklahoma City Thunder.

me to come in and impact this team. I can do other things on the floor to make sure we have a better chance to win."

"We understand what we have to do."

The Rockets fell to the Warriors in the Western Conference semifinals this season, and have yet to reach the NBA Finals with Harden. In fact, the organization hasn't reached that point since 1995, when it won its second title.

Even though it'll likely take a minute for the new group to get on the same page, Westbrook is confident he'll mesh well with coach Mike D'Antoni's system in Houston—and hopeful he can take the team to the next level.

"I'll fit right in, personally," Westbrook said, via

ESPN. "Floor spread, it gives me the opportunity to attack, penetrate, kick. Defensively, it'll give me an opportunity to switch and guard and rebound at a high level. Push the break, get us out on the break. A lot of different things.

"I think the style of play is great, something I'm looking forward to, just getting out in space in the open floor, shooters all around and playing that way."

Westbrook, who averaged a triple-double for the thirdstraight year last season, spent his first 11 years in the league in Oklahoma City.

The organization selected him with the No. 4 overall pick in 2008. It's all he's ever known.

Though he's looking forward to a new chapter, the 30-year-old admitted it was no easy task to leave Oklahoma.

"It's tough," Westbrook said. "It's something that will stay with me the rest of my life, because I basically grew up there, in Oklahoma City. 18-years-old in Oklahoma City and the people, the organization, have never done me wrong. They always stood up for me and my family, always had my back, and I'm very, very grateful and I don't take that for granted.

"Like I said, Sam and [owner] Mr. [Clay] Bennett, Coach [Scott] Brooks, Coach [Billy] Donovan, the whole staff, everybody over there, they always had my best interests, and I can't do nothing but be thankful and be grateful for what they did for me and my family.'

### **Celtics sign Fall**

The Boston Celtics announced the signing of 7-foot-7 center Tacko Fall, who became a highlight of this year's NBA summer league.

Fall blossomed into a favorite for C's fans after averaging 7.2 points, 4.0 rebounds and 1.4 blocks in five summer league games.

The Senegal native starred at Central Florida and had a strong NCAA tournament before the Golden Knights narrowly lost to Duke in the second round. He impressed NBA scouts at the draft combine and eventually earned his way on a summer league roster despite going undrafted.

"He's a high priority for us to try to really develop into a player," Celtics president

Danny Ainge told MassLive earlier this month. "Some of the plays he makes are hilarious because you just don't see them. Guards get in a bind and they just throw the ball up in the air, then Tacko grabs them and makes tip-toe dunks from under the basket. It's just like a senior in high school playing against fourth-graders sometimes out there.'

The details of Fall's deal with the Celtics was not disclosed. Fall originally signed an Exhibit 10 contract, which is a one-year deal that pays the league's minimum salary and allows players to compete in summer league, according to

At UCF as a senior, Fall averaged 10.1 points, 7.7 rebounds and 2.4 blocks a game.

### MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Nobody likes missing the cut by a stroke, and doing it in a major championship at home hurts even more.

Rory McIlroy is showing he can bounce back quickly.

McIlroy shot an 8-under 62 on Saturday in the FedEx St. Jude Invitational to take a onestroke lead over Brooks Koepka at the World Golf Championships event.

McIlroy, who missed the cut by a stroke last week in the British Open on his home turf in Northern Ireland, had a nine-birdie, one-bogey round to move from a tie for 17th to the top of the leaderboard at TPC Southwind. The man who shattered the screen of a woman's cellphone with his opening tee shot at Royal Por-

# McIlroy shoots 62, leads Koepka by stroke in Memphis

trush finished the round Saturday with three straight birdies.

"I guess the pressure's off a little bit," McIlroy said.

and you go to the next week and you say, 'OK I didn't do this well, I didn't do this well.' So you're sort of trying to focus on that rather than winning the tournament. So for me, this week I wanted to focus on neutralizing my ball flight and trying to dial in my distances. All of a sudden those two little focus points have made me play some good golf again."

McIlroy capped his birdie spurt by rolling in a 27-footer on the par-4 18th for the lead to himself after putting his tee shot into a fairway bunker. He had a 12-under 198 total.

Two groups behind Mc-Ilroy, Koepka (64) had his "You've had a bad week top-ranked player finished with three straight pars. Now Koepka and McIlroy, who played the first two rounds together, will play together Sunday for ing this good," Koepka said. the first time in a final round.

Second-round leader Matthew Fitzpatrick (69) was third, two strokes back. Marc Leishman (63), Alex Noren (66) and Jon Rahm (68) were three shots behind.

"It is exciting," McIlroy said. "He's the No. 1 player in the world, four majors in the last three years. He's the man right now. I got to play with him the

last couple days and I enjoyed it. I enjoyed seeing what he can do."

Koepka says Sunday should be fun duking it out with McIlroy with so much on the line.

"That's who you want to go up against, especially if he's going to be play-

On Saturday, the field featuring 46 of the world's top 50 attacked a course in almost perfect condition for scoring. Birdies fell early and often.

McIlroy finished a stroke off the 61 he shot in the final round of his Canadian Open victory in June. McIlroy, who also won the Players Championship in March, spent some extra time on the driving range to adjust

his wedges. He showed just how dialed in he was by hitting 14 of 18 greens in regulation and needing only 23 putts.

He birdied two of his first three holes, with his longest putt 6 feet on No. 1. He finished his front nine with a 30 after three straight birdies, and a 17-footer on the par-4 seventh was his longest of the trio.

McIlroy's lone misstep came on No. 12 when he hit his tee shot into the water all along the par 4 and then put his third into a greenside bunker. He chipped out to 6 feet to salvage bogey. He birdied four of his final five, hitting his tee shot 190 yards to 5 feet on the par-3 14th, and left himself a 6-footer for birdie on the par-5 16th.

He rolled in a 16-footer on 17, setting up for his longest birdie putt on the final hole.

"My goal at the start of the day was to try to get to double digits under par going into (Sunday), and I bettered that by two and that's because of those little bonus putts on 17 and 18," McIlroy said.

Koepka had been just off when putting from 15 feet out or more dating to the British Open, here he tied for fourth. After four birdies on the front nine Saturday, he rolled in a 30-footer on the par-3 11th to go to 10 under and the lead to himself. He hit his tee shot into a fairway bunker on No. 13 and three-putted for bogey.

He came right back with backto-back birdies to share the lead briefly with Fitzpatrick.

# Martinez, Benintendi homer, Red Sox rip Yanks



BOSTON (AP)—J.D. Martinez and

Andrew Benintendi homered as the Boston Red Sox again hit balls all over and out of Fenway Park, battering the New York Yankees 9-5 Saturday.

The Red Sox have outscored the Yankees 38-13 to win the first three of a four-game set. This was the sixth straight game Boston has scored eight or more runs against the Yankees, the first time in the clubs' 117-year rivalry.

Benintendi had three hits and scored three times, and Rafael Devers added three hits and scored twice for the Boston.

Gio Urshela went 4 for 4 with a solo homer and RBI single for New York. The Yankees have lost three straight for the first time since June 11-14.

CC Sabathia (5-6) fared only slightly better than the previous six games by a New York starter (with him included Monday), giving up five runs and nine hits in 4 1/3 innings. In his last outing, the 39-year-old was tagged for seven runs in four innings.

Eduardo Rodríguez (13-4) labored through 5 2/3 innings, giving up three runs, seven hits, striking out five and walking three.

### **Dodgers 9, Nationals 3**

In Washington, rookie catcher Will Smith homered and drove in six runs, leading Clayton Kershaw and Los Angeles over the Nationals.

Playing in his 10th major league game, Smith homered in the third inning, hit a sacrifice fly in the fourth, doubled home a run in the sixth, and broke the game open in the seventh with a bases-loaded double off the wall in left-center.

Kershaw (9-2) allowed two first-inning runs and gave up three hits while striking out nine with three walks through the sixth.

### Blue Jays 10, Rays 9, **12** innings

In Toronto, Teoscar Hernandez led off the 12th inning with a home run and the Blue Jays completed a comeback from a seven-run deficit to beat Tampa Bay.

Hernandez connected off Emilio Pagan (2-2) for his second solo homer of the game. Hernandez also went back-toback with Brandon Drury in the eighth.

Vladimir Guerrero Jr. hit a three-run homer in the ninth inning and Drury tied it with a two-out, solo drive as the Blue Jays overcame a 9-2 deficit.

### Mariners 8, Tigers 1

In Seattle, Ryan Court drove in three runs in his first big league start, rookie Austin Nola also had three RBIs and



the Mariners beat Detroit.

Nola hit a two-run triple in the fourth inning and the 31-year-old Court had an RBI single for his first hit.

Nola added an RBI double in the four-run seventh inning and Court matched him with a two-run, ground-rule double to make it 8-1.

### **Braves 15, Phillies 7**

In Philadelphia, Ozzie Albies hit a grand slam, Ronald Acuña Jr., Ender Inciarte and Adam Duvall also homered and Atlanta routed the Phillies.

The Braves pounded struggling righty Zach Eflin (7-11) for 10 runs in less than three innings.

Max Fried (11-4) allowed four earned and seven hits, striking out six in 5 1/3 innings in his first start since returning from the injury list because of a blister on his left index finger.

### Diamondbacks 9, Marlins 2

In Miami, Nick Ahmed hit a grand slam and an RBI double in leading Arizona past the

Ahmed's homer off starter Jordan Yamamoto highlighted a six-run fourth inning. Eduardo Escobar drove in a run with a single and David Peralta had an RBI groundout.

Alex Young (4-0) allowed two runs and eight hits in six-plus innings. The rookie left-hander struck out two and walked one.

### Reds 3, Rockies 1

In Cincinnati, Eugenio Suárez hit a two-run homer, Josh Van-Meter added a solo shot, and the Reds beat Colorado.

Anthony DeSclafani and

three relief pitchers teamed up to limit the Rockies to five hits. Wandy Peralta, Michael Lorenzen and Raisel Iglesias combined to face the minimum 12 batters over the final four innings. Iglesias earned his 18th save.

### Mets 3, Pirates 0

In New York, Steven Matz threw an efficient five-hitter for his first complete game in 90 major league starts, and the Mets got home runs from Michael Conforto and J.D. Davis in a win over struggling Pittsburgh.

Matz (6-6) struck out seven and walked none, needing just 99 pitches to earn his first win since June 8 against Colorado.

### **Astros 8, Cardinals 2**

In St. Louis, Carlos Correa hit his first career grand slam and Houston withstood yet another home run by Paul Goldschmidt in beating the Cardinals.

Goldschmidt homered in his sixth straight game, tying a Cardinals record with Matt Carpenter and Mark McGwire. St. Louis had won six in a row before this loss in an interleague matchup of division leaders. Goldschmidt's 24th homer was a solo drive in the fourth.

### **Indians 9, Royals 1**

In Kansas City, Jason Kipnis hit a grand slam in the first inning, and Cleveland's Mike Clevinger struck out seven and remained perfect against the Royals.

Clevinger (5-2) allowed one run on eight hits in seven innings and didn't walk a batter. With the victory, Clevinger improved to 8-0 all-time

New York Yankees' Didi Gregorius comes down with the high throw as Boston Red Sox's Sam Travis, bottom, steals second base during the sixth inning of a baseball game in Boston, Saturday, July 27, 2019.

against the Royals.

Royals starter Glenn Sparkman (3-7) allowed eight runs on nine hits in five innings in front of a crowd of 31,181 at Kauffman Stadium, the second-largest home crowd after the season opener.

### White Sox 5, Twins 1

In Chicago, Yoán Moncada homered, Iván Nova threw two-hit ball through six innings and the White Sox snapped a four-game losing streak with a win over Minnesota.

Moncada finished with three hits, two RBIs and two runs. Adam Engel also had two RBIs for Chicago, which had dropped 12 of 15. The White Sox had been outscored 23-6 during the four-game losing streak.

### Brewers 5, Cubs 3, **10** innings

In Milwaukee, Christian Yelich and Keston Hiura hit home runs in the 10th inning off Chicago closer Craig Kimbrel and the Brewers rallied for the win.

Yelich opened the 10th with his major league-leading 36th homer, tying it at 3.

### Padres 5, Giants 1

In San Diego, rookie Fernando Tatis Jr. hit a two-run home run one pitch after diving out of the way of a knockdown pitch in the fifth inning and the Padres snapped an eight-game home losing streak with a win over San Francisco.

The Padres have won four of 14 since the All-Star break.

Tatis hit the deck to avoid a high, tight pitch from rookie Shaun Anderson (3-3) and then drove a 1-2 slider an estimated 414 feet to center field, his 17th.

### Athletics 5, Rangers 4

In Oakland, Ramon Laureano took a slow trot after a home run and later got hit by a pitch, prompting the benches to clear as the Athletics posted a testy win over Texas.

Matt Chapman hit his 23rd home run, Marcus Semien and Mark Canha also homered for Oakland.

### Orioles 8, Angels 7

In Anaheim, Hanser Alberto put Baltimore ahead with a two-run single in the eighth inning and the Orioles set a major league record with multiple home runs in their 10th straight game.

Pedro Severino and Jonathan Villar homered for Baltimore.

# Giants in 'listening mode' on Bumgarner trade

With each Giants win, it be- they were probably headed Madison Bumgarner before everything. Wednesday's trade deadline. Now, it feels like the Gi-

But that doesn't mean the first-year president of baseball operations won't answer the phone if a rival executive calls.

ESPN's Buster Olney, citing other teams he's spoken with, reported Saturday that the Giants are "in listening mode" regarding a potential Bumgarner trade.

The Giants entered the 2019 season dead set on trading Bumgarner for prospects to help replenish the farm system. Ever three weeks ago,

comes less and less likely that in that direction. But a 17-4 the Farhan Zaidi trades ace record in July has changed

ants are closer to keeping Bumgarner than trading him.

It was reported on Friday that there is a "90 percent chance" Bumgarner and closer Will Smith stay with the Giants.

Even if Zaidi plans to keep Bumgarner at this very moment, he'd be crazy not to listen to offers from interested teams. All it takes is one desperate contender to make an offer he can't refuse.

So, keep answering those phones, Farhan.

### **Romo to Twins**

Veteran reliever Sergio Romo is right back in a pennant race. The AL Central-leading

Minnesota Twins acquired the 36-year-old righty from Miami on Saturday night, hoping to boost their beleaguered bullpen for the stretch.

It's kind of hard to explain because I'm super excited," Romo said after the Marlins' 9-2 loss to Arizona. "They're in a really, really good position to make a playoff push. That's exciting. It's super fun baseball to play."

"But kind of mixed feelings based on the fact I get to leave a bunch of dudes I've grown to

love. Cool dudes who allowed me to be myself," he said.

The Twins got Romo, minor league pitcher Chris Vallimont and a player to be named for minor league first baseman Lewin Diaz.

Romo was 2-0 with 17 saves and a 3.58 ERA in 38 games this season. The righty had an 0.61 ERA in his last 15 appearances for the Marlins.

Romo comes with plenty of postseason experience. He has an 0.00 ERA in six World Series games, helping San Francisco win three championships.

Overall, he's pitched in 27 postseason games - all for the Giants - with a 3.09 ERA.



METAIRIE, La. (AP)—Saints quarterback Drew Brees practically laughed

while describing himself as "still green" at the onset of his 19th NFL training camp.

The smile on the 40-yearold's face looked like an acknowledgment of how silly he knew he must have sounded as he spoke, even if, to him, there was real logic behind his

# Saints QB Brees: I'm still green

"By no means have I arrived," said Brees, a former Super Bowl MVP and the NFL's all-time leader in yards passing with 74,437. "I had a coach tell me, 'As long as you are green, you will continue to grow. As soon as you are ripe, you'll soon be rotten.'

"As soon as you think you know it all, you're done,"

Brees continued. "So I'm still green. I've still got things to learn.'

Brees is in the final season of his contract, but has declined to specify how much longer he might play.

He is by no means in denial about the erosion of skills every older athlete faces, but he strives to be proactive in his approach to maximizing his longevity, from the way he trains to the way he eats.

The father of three sons and a daughter talks of "finding ways to stay young, feel young, recover, just be as efficient as possible, having the body operate as efficient as possible, doing all the little things to be as accurate as possible, be as quick as possible." He takes an academic approach to learning about the effects of aging on the body

and how to mitigate them. "I study all that stuff," Brees said. "I feel like I'm pretty aware of what you lose with the aging process. So everything I do from a training perspective, from a recovery perspective, is to combat that. So you just try to stay ahead of that curve-right?- stay ahead of that curve. And so far, I feel like I'm beating it."

Last season, Brees passed for 3,992 yards, more than in any of his first five NFL seasons in San Diego, but fewer than any season since his arrival in New Orleans in 2006. The extent to which age contributed to his relative dip in yards passing is a matter of debate. The Saints' offense has been oriented more toward running and short passes since the arrival of 2017 Offensive Rookie of the Year Alvin Kamara and New Orleans has been one of the NFL's top six rushing teams in each of the past two seasons.

Meanwhile, Brees' NFL record 74.4 completion per-

centage last season was complemented by a touchdown to interception ratio of 32-5, better than all but one QB: Green Bay's Aaron Rodgers (25-2).

"Nothing's changed," Sean Payton said when asked if he's had to adapt play calling specifically because of Brees' age. "It's not like we've had to go in a different direction. Look, when we've been able to have balance on this team and play good defense and create turnovers, it's been a pretty good formula for us."

Payton listed the 2006 season, when the Saints advanced to the NFC title game, and the 2009 season, when New Orleans won the Super Bowl, as examples of his more balanced teams.

Brees looks slender, fit and spry as he moves about the offensive backfield on dropbacks and roll-outs.

During Saturday's practice, he connected with young receiver Cyril Grayson Jr. deep down the left side of the field, and shortly after followed that by finding new tight end Jared Cook on an out route of around 20 yards. Later, he whipped a side-arm throw around a defensive lineman and connected with new running

back Latavius Murray.

### PIC Hafa Adai 5K scheduled for Aug. 10 The island's most colorful event is approaching, as Pacific Islands Club Saipan is gearing up for its

renowned Hafa Adai 5K set for August 10. Runners will be blasted with different colors at every kilometer of the course. PIC Saipan is once again inviting the community to join the race that's filled with fun and laughter and for a good cause. Proceeds from the an-

nual event will go to Empty

Vessel Ministry for the orga-

nization's community outreach program.

"Children and youth of CNMI have always been the big supporters and main participant group of Hafa Adai 5K. Even though the date falls in their summer vacation, we are expecting many of them to come for joy and excitement," PIC Saipan Sports, Entertainment, and Activity Department director Dennis Tababa said.

'We also have a list of prizes ready for the post-race raffle and games. We are grate-

Runners head out to the course during last year's Pacific Islands Club Saipan Hafa Adai 5K Run.

ful to our partners for without their generosity the event will not be successful. We thank Bridge Capital, Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan, Pacific Trading Company, Pepsi, Tan-Holdings, Topnotch and our sister hotel Kensington Hotel Saipan, our mother company E-Land Group," he added..

The starting and finishing point of the race will be at PIC Saipan and runners will be heading north along Beach Road. Registration is now open and interested participants can sign up at the lobby of PIC Saipan.

Entry fees are \$10 and free T-shirts will be given to the first 1,000 participants.

In addition to Hafa Adai 5K, PIC Saipan is going to host its first ever "PIC Summerfest" on Aug. 9 and 10 for the resorts' guests. Anyone who stays at the resort or holds waterpark passes during

mark of Round 2. Before

bowing out, Camacho con-

nected on 25 punches against

Neal, who in return hit the

the worst losses in his fabled

MMA career, Camacho fought

back, trained with Team Ova-

ma in California, and scored

his own TKO (punches) on

Hein to start the year and a

new contract with UFC on a

positive note. The recognition

from MMA By The Numbers

is an added boost to Camacho,

who is looking to return to the

After absorbing one of

former with 59 strikes.

the festival will get to enjoy a variety of carnival games and fun programs.

"The whole resort is going to be like one themed park with plenty of activities to do. We have high hopes that the 'PIC Summerfest' will have memorable and amusing events where both local guests and tourists can be entertained," PIC Saipan assistant general manager Dennis Seo said. (PIC)

Chris Cyborg, and other amaz-

"It's so surreal to be number 5 on the list of all the UFC fighters in the world. A little island boy from the Marianas making history at the world so I urge people to keep working hard and keep chasing

ing fighters," Camacho said.

stage-it's so so humblingtheir dream and goals!"

Arizona's Justin Ray Gaethje leads the elite list with his average of 8.50 and is followed by Leslie Smith (7.56), Shane Burgos (7.06), Holloway (6.90), Camacho, Cyborg (6.76), Jessica Andrade (6.55), Cain Velasquez (6.48), Jared Gordon (6.29), and Alex Volkov (6.28).

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In other results, the Jeff Race-coached Commonwealth squad has two entries in the semifinals of the girls U14 doubles.

Hyejin Elliot teamed up with FSM's Leilah Etscheit in beating Fiji's Faazreen Fareen and Kiribati's Ereti Tabekatarawa, 6-0, 6-1, to move to the Final Four against Tahiti's Vaiani Dusserre-Valleaux and Samoa's Roselyn Tupuola, who drew a bye and automatically made it to the semis of the upper half of the draw.

At the lower half, the

CNMI's Serin Chung and the Cook Islands' Dreena Teapa will take on the latter's compatriots Tea Akaiti Toa and Moana Une. Chung and Teapa won over Kiribati's Emmanuela Masaai and Fiji's Charlote Nicolaus, 6-4, 6-4, while Toa and Une prevailed against the CNMI's Helen Kim and Guam's Alicia Addison.

In the girls U14 singles, Elliot made the grade and will be playing in the quarterfinals against Tupuola. Elliot had a 1-1 record in pool play in Group A, whole Tupuola was the top finisher in Group C with her 3-0 mark.

### **'CRANK'**

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strikes, while the latter tallied only 37, allowing Camacho to secure a TKO victory at the 4:56 mark of Round 2 of their three-round bout last June 1.

With the impressive triumph over Hein, Camacho improved his UFC record to honors in his first UFC appearance and went on to take similar recognitions in his

next two, including his victory over Brown.

For his third fight, Camacho dueled Drew Dober on UFC on FOX 27 in North Carolina and unleashed 106 strikes. Dober connected on more punches with his 145 to register a unanimous decision win in their Jan. 27, 2018 showdown.

About eight months after his second loss in UFC, Camacho closed out its fourfight deal with the promotion company by seeing action in UFC 228 in Dallas Texas. The Marianas bet was pitted against standup fighter Geoff Neal, who brought Camacho down with a solid headkick for the TKO win at the 1:23

cage late this year. "It's so cool to be a part of the list with these other UFC fighters like Max Holloway,

"I practiced diving about 40

All this adds up to how much the young CNMI swimpositive future in the sport.



Jimin Woo makes a baseline return during a local tournament.

trying to put all my energy out there, and it was a little bit bet-

ter so that's good," she said. Unable to practice diving into the pool and turning at walls, as she trains mostly in the ocean back home, Thompson is making the most of some of the technical opportunities in the World Championships at the Nambu University Municipal Aquatics Center.

times since I got here, so in my warmups I try to practice my dives and turns as much as possible, things I can't work on in the ocean. We have to get creative because we're in the ocean, so I can't really work on flip turns. I do go to a pool in the morning, a hotel pool (15m), but the wall is

a little bit crooked so I have to aim myself just right if I want to make that turn, so ves just getting creative,' Thompson said.

mer has achieved at these championships and in the wider aspects of her swimming. The teenager looks to have a

2-3. He lost his debut to China's Li Jingliang (unanimous) in Singapore on June 17, 2017 after Camacho landed only 35 strikes against the 94 of the latter. However, Camacho earned Fight of the Night

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grets," Thompson said.

The 16-year-old came out for her last event wanting to improve how she tackles the walls and turns in her races. Did her training in the last two days pay off?

"It was better than the 200m. At the wall I was really

# NMI grassroots program hits milestone

The Asian Football Confederation has awarded the Northern Marianas Islands Football Association the AFC Grassroots Charter Bronze mem-

bership in recognition of the CNMI's roots program.

The Grassroots Charter is a development tool that helps member-nations raise the quality of their grassroots programs. Mem-

bership is granted to those who met 20 performance categories, such as grassroots competitions, fair play, partnerships, and personnel development. Members then get assistance from AFC to strengthen the program and continue its implementation.

"We are proud and honored to receive this recognition from AFC. This acknowledgement reflects our unwavering commitment to grow the sport in the CNMI and provide opportunities to our players, coaches, and officials. We thank everyone for helping NMIFA gain the bronze membership from the AFC Grassroots Charter," NMIFA president Jerry Tan said.

"The bronze membership granted to the CNMI means that AFC has acknowledged that the grassroots football program which has been implemented here over the years met the international standards. It has been acknowledged that the CNMI has created a safe and good environment where everyone, regardless of age, gender, ability or disability, can play the sport," said NMIFA technical director Michiteru Mita, who prepared the CNMI's application with the assistance of NMIFA executive director Ruselle Zapanta.

NMIFA got the nod of AFC for having consistent local competitions and events for youth (the spring and fall leagues, interscholastic, P.E. support, and festivals) and

adults (M-League and Dove Women's League) and other featured events that cater to all players. The association also regularly sends its national teams to AFC tournaments

and other international Maríana Islands outstanding grass- Football Association competitions, making sure the CNMI

players are able to play in high-level events after going through rigorous training sessions. Yearround competitions draw more than 1,700 players from more than 50 teams.

NMIFA is able to hold these competitions through its partnership with both the private and public sectors—the CNMI Office of the Governor, CNMI

Public School System, Saipan Soccer School, the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs, Triple J Motors,

sponsor SFIDA. NMIFA also works on projects and activities through the support of the AFC

TanHoldings, Dove, and kit and East Asian Football Federation and its fellow member associations, particularly the Japan Football Association and



Players compete in a small-sided game during the Asian Football Confederation Grassroots Football Day 2019 held at the NMI Soccer Training Center in May.



Northern Marianas Islands Football Association president Jerry Tan, sixth left, vice president Vickie Izuka, fifth left, and technical director Michiteru Mita, right, join volunteer coaches for a group photo after the presentation of certificates to the Asian Football Confederation Grassroots Football Day 2019 facilitators.



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A referee helps tie the shoe of a young player before the start of a match in the 2019 NMIFA Youth Football Spring League



Paire Football Club left, and Kanoa Football Club players exchange high-fives before the start of their girls U16 match in the 2019 NMIFA Youth Football Spring League.

Guam Football Association.

All the activities under NMIFA's grassroots development program would not be possible without the help of coaches, referees, and other officials, who undergo training and certification courses to further their knowledge about the sport and learn how they can effectively perform their respective duties.

Capping off the significant strides that NMIFA has made in the last decade was last year's construction of the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville—a first of its kind in the CNMI—providing players and other stakeholders a safer and appropriate facility to hold their games, trainings, and other community events.

"The sight of the completed project made the CNMI public 'buy-in' to the objectives of why NMIFA wants to develop football locally," NMIFA general secretary Ross Zapanta said. "With such expectations, the AFC Grassroots Charter membership will be very significant, as we are hoping to enhance our grassroots development with focus on quality."

Mita, on the other hand, said that the AFC recognition will further encourage the CNMI football community to keep its commitment with the sport.

"Having seen the grassroots football program in the last two and a half years, I can say that NMIFA and its supporters have done a lot for developing football with genuine passion, dedication, and creativity, despite our limited manpower. Our hard work has been positively recognized and we are on the right track. I want to convey my heartfelt congratulations to everyone who has been involved in this program," Mita said.

"This is a milestone for us. NMIFA will continue to work hard and make sure that more and more kids get to know the joy of football, play in a safe environment, and continue to play throughout their lifetime," he added. (NMIFA)





Northern Marianas Islands Football Association technical director Michiteru Mita, front, leads one of the fun drills featured in the Asian Football Confederation Grassroots Football Day 2019.

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# CNMI pair moves closer to finale

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he CNMI's Sean Lee and Jimin Woo one step away from reaching the championship game in the boys U16 doubles event of the 2019 Pacific Oceania Junior Championships.



The duo moved to the semifinals after surviving a three-set

playoff match against the Norfolk Islands' Sam Cribb and Samoa's Phillip Waryesterday in Lautoka, Lee and Woo eked out a 7-5 triumph in the first set, but missed a sweep when Cribb and Warren prevailed in the second, 7-5. The supertiebreak third set was another close battle with the Commonwealth tandem winning, 10-5.

Lee and Woo will next face Tahiti's Brandon Fong and Vaitea Molinier with a finals slot at stake in their duel today.



Fong and Molinier marched into the semifinals following a 6-0, 6-3 victory over Kiribati's Torua Boari and Fiji' Daniel Kumar. The other Final Four pairing will have Vanuatu's Clement Mainguy and the Solomon Islands' Junior Maki battling Tahiti's Manovai Elie and Mohearii Polin, who topped the CNMI's Sam Ryu and Guam's Aidan Schembari, 6-0, 6-0, and the Federated States of Micronesia's Deavyn Etscheit and Nolen Narruhn, 6-2, 6-2, respectively.

Meanwhile, in the boys U16 singles, Lee and Woo will have to part ways, as they square off in the quarterfinals today.

Lee reached the Round of 8 after sweeping all his three matches in pool play of Group B. He earned a perfect record

in his pool after downing Boari yesterday, 6-4, 7-6 (6). Woo, on the other hand, earned a 2-1 record and placed second in Group D behind Molinier, who topped the CNMI bet in yesterday's game, 6-3, 7-6 (4). Sam Ryu, the CNMI's third bet in the division, missed the cut after finishing Group A in third place with his 1-2 card.

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ing an in-depth look at the

statistics behind the battles on

The 30-year-old had his

most strikes in his second UFC

fight on Nov. 18, 2017 in Australia. He hit Aussie Damien Brown with 154 strikes en route to a split decision win. Camacho also recorded at least 100 strikes in two other bouts with the latest versus Germany's Nick Hein in UFC Fight Night 153 in Stockholm, Sweden. The Guam-born, Saipan-raised athlete gave

the octagon.

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### **SOUTH** KOREA— The CNMI's Jinju

Thompson wrapped GWANGJU 2019. up her involvement in the 18th FINA World Swimming Championships with an hon-

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women's 100m freestyle last Thursday in Gwangju.

Her time of 1:10.31 was

not quite enough to earn her a new personal best time, but there were still many positives to be taken.



Thompson caps World

Championships stint

"It was alright, not a personal best, which is always a little disappointing, but it was a good race, felt pretty good, just

orable performance in the leaving it all out in the pool was my goal, so I have no re-

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The CNMI's Jinju Thompson races in the 100m freestyle event of the 18th FINA World Swimming Championships last Thursday at the Nambu University Municipal Aquatics Center in Gwangju, South Korea

# 'Crank' joins top 'strikers' list

Marianas warrior Frank "The Crank" made it to the Top 10 list of MMA fighters with the most significant strikes landed per minute in Ultimate Fighting Championship history.

Camacho is at

No. 5 with an average of 6.85 strikes connected



per minute in his five UFC bouts, according to MMA By The Numbers,

one of the many websites tak-

Hein a beating with his 100 See 'CRANK' on Page 26

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO Frank "The Crank" Camacho, right, attacks Germany's Nick Hein during the first round of their bout in the UFC Fight Night 153 in Stockholm, Sweden last month.